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Will return to U.S.

## Vance's peace mission falters



FINANCE MINISTER: King Khaled at his meeting Wednesday with Pakistani Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan. (Story on page 16)

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13 (AP) — Differences late Wednesday clouded prospects for an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance accelerated plans to end his mission to the Middle East.

The decision to return to the United States for what a U.S. spokesman called "urgent business" was announced after Vance held two meetings with Israeli officials and talked to President Carter in Washington by telephone.

The spokesman, George Sherman, said Vance would fly to Egypt on Thursday—he intended initially to stay here at least until Friday morning—and then fly home on Friday after a last talk with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

In a series of quick-moving developments:

—Vance told reporters after his second meeting with Israeli leaders that "there are differences of view between us" and that negotiations were at a "delicate stage."

—Prime Minister Menachem Begin, referring to what he called Egyptian "proposals" which he heard about for the first time, said Egypt and Israel had differences of opinion on a treaty.

—The Israel state radio said the Egyptian proposals were found to be unacceptable.

There was no immediate explanation of proposed Egyptian revisions in the treaty with Israel. But the state radio said Sadat wanted to withhold an immediate exchange of ambassadors when the accord is signed.

Sherman said Vance "feels he will have achieved everything he could by the time he leaves the area and he has important business in Washington."

Reporters repeatedly tried to pin Sherman down on whether Vance's new travel plans were linked to his talks with the Israelis. Sherman, declining to answer directly, replied: "Negotiations continued here, the itinerary has evolved."

Taken together, the remarks by Begin and Vance suggest hopes for completing a treaty between Israel and Egypt by Sunday, a deadline set by President Carter, are ebbing.

"We had a very serious exchange of views," Begin said outside his office. "If you ask the question whether there were differences of opinion between the position of Egypt, as clarified to us by the secretary of state, and the position of Israel, the answer is yes."

At the same time, Begin claimed "here and now," that Israel is "prepared to sign a peace treaty with Egypt under the terms reached by negotiating teams in Washington last month."

In Cairo Sadat Wednesday declared himself "quite ready" to sign a peace treaty before the Dec. 17 target date and said the matter now depends on Israel.

He said he would insist that the actual signing of an eventual peace accord to terminate three decades of hostility be on Mt. Sinai.

"For our part we are quite ready. It depends on the other party," a jovial Sadat told reporters.

Sadat said if the treaty is not signed by the date targeted at Camp David "it will never differ with me."

"Of course, I shall be very happy to conclude it before the 17th," Sadat said in his first public comment on the peace moves since his talks this week with Vance.

Meanwhile, in a flurry of diplomatic moves, Egypt sought to explain the latest developments to Arab allies and other moderate Arab states.

Vice President Hosni Mubarak flew to Khartoum, and conferred with President Jafar Numeiri and is to fly to Oman

before returning home Thursday.

Both Sudan and Oman have given their backing to Sadat's year-long peace drive while the "rejectionists"—Libya, Syria, Iraq, Algeria and South Yemen—have threatened economic and political sanctions if Egypt signed a separate peace treaty with Israel.

Many other Arab states, including Jordan and Saudi Arabia, have expressed reservations on the Camp David "frame-

work for peace" that envisioned an Arab-Israeli treaty as the first step for a "comprehensive and lasting" Mideast accord.

Acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali called in ambassadors from Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Bahrain, Somalia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Oman to explain the latest developments in the negotiations.

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### As oil production drops

## Iran said trying to buy fuel

TEHRAN, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — Iran, the world's second largest oil exporter, is trying to buy fuel from overseas because of slumping production in its strike-ridden oilfields, industry sources said Wednesday.

Official comment was not immediately available on reports that the strike, part of a widespread anti-Shah campaign of economic disruption, had forced Iran to seek imports on the international oil market.

But the sources said Iranian authorities were trying to bring in kerosene and diesel oil and might also be seeking small quantities of petrol.

Oil production fell to 1.2 million barrels Wednesday, about one-fifth of the normal level. Most of Iran's five major refineries were shut by the eight-day-old strike, although the big Abadan refinery was still producing at a steady rate, the sources said.

They reported that about 50 tankers were queuing in the Gulf, waiting to stock up for Western companies in advance of an expected price increase by producers from January.

The oilfield strike was the most damaging in a wave of go-slows and stoppages hitting most large-scale state enterprises. The workers are backing calls by opposition leaders

to disrupt Iran's economy as a political weapon against the Shah.

Officials, bankers and businessmen said they expected no real progress toward solving the growing economic crisis, stemming from months of political turmoil, until Saturday at the earliest.

And even then, they said, it would only be known whether disruption was likely to continue or whether the strikers would begin gradually to return to work.

The central bank remained shut for normal business. One commercial banker, anxiously seeking dollars for customers, said: "Staff are just sitting there doing nothing."

Notes in the national currency, the rial, were easily available after the easing of a disruption crisis which caused some banks to shut last week.

"But the banking system is basically non-operative" because of the central bank stoppage, a businessman said.

Officials of the ministry of commerce, the ministry of economic affairs and finance and the customs department said their staff were continuing a political go-slow started before the five-day religious holiday that ended Tuesday.

In Isfahan at least three

persons were killed by army gunfire in this central Iranian city Wednesday, well-placed sources reported.

Doctors at Isfahan hospitals reported the death toll from three days of violence in the city rose to at least 44, with more than 700 wounded or badly beaten.

Authorities so far have confirmed only nine dead and 60 wounded since rioting erupted Monday night. They attacked the local headquarters of Savak, Iran's secret police, with dynamite, rocket bombs in addition to other government buildings and banks.

## Hussein reaffirms meeting with Khomeini not planned

PARIS, Dec. 13 (AP) — Jordan's King Hussein said Wednesday he would not meet with the Iranian opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini, and denied he had ever planned such a meeting.

In a television interview, Hussein dismissed earlier reports he would attempt to meet the leader of the Iranian religious opposition to the Shah as having been "pure speculation."

"A meeting was never foreseen and the occasion did not arise during this visit," he said.

Hussein is on a three-day official visit to Paris for talks on the Middle East situation with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet.

He flies to Rome Thursday where he will meet Pope John Paul II. Hussein said he would be discussing the Lebanese situation with the Pope as well as the future of Jerusalem.

Asked whether an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, or failure to reach such a peace, would be positive or negative, Hussein said that "any partial settlement which is not a general peace does not resolve the problems of our region."

He repeated his position that there must be a global settlement solving the problems of the Palestinians and of East Jerusalem.

Hussein also said that the Soviet Union and Europe, as well as the United States, must be associated with the final peace. But he added that the forum could either be a reconvened Geneva conference or the U.N. Security Council.

Hussein said that at some stage, the Security Council would have to redefine resolution 242, the basic resolution calling for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories.

Interpretation of the resolution is contested by Israel and the Arabs.

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## Saddam Hussein leaves Moscow with new attack on Camp David

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — Saddam Hussein, vice-chairman of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council, left Moscow Wednesday at the end of a three-day official visit, that included consultations with Kremlin leaders Tass news agency reported.

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin said the discussions included "problems in connection with energetics and electrification" in Iraq, according to Tass.

"We will assist Iraq in crea-

ting and developing some branches of industry. We have done everything possible on our part so that our economic relations should develop," Kosygin said, according to Tass.

Earlier Tuesday, Hussein and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev condemned the Egyptian-Israeli peace efforts and pledged further support for the Palestinian resistance.

Hussein took up the question of the peace talks when he was received by Brezhnev on the second day of his official visit, Tass reported.

"They resolutely condemned this policy as essentially anti-Arab and contrary to the interests of achieving a just all-embracing settlement in the Middle East," Tass said.

Brezhnev and Hussein stressed that a Middle East settlement was only possible if Israeli troops withdrew from all the occupied territories.

They also agreed that the rights of the Palestinians to establish their own state must also be guaranteed, Tass said.

"The sides expressed readiness to continue to render all-round support to the just struggle waged by the Palestinian Arabs for their rights," Tass said.

The term "all-round support" is used in Soviet communique to cover military supplies.

In its account of the meeting, Tass made no reference to the briefly convened Geneva Middle East peace conference, which the Soviet Union backs as the only forum for

an overall peace settlement.

Hussein and Brezhnev welcomed the results of last month's Baghdad summit conference, Tass said.

They underlined the importance of "consolidation of all the progressive patriotic forces of the Arab world and the consolidation of their friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union," it added.

Brezhnev and Hussein expressed their resolution to perfect Soviet-Iraqi cooperation "in the political, economic and other domains," Tass said.

Despite their friendship treaty, relations between Moscow and Baghdad have come under strain over the past year over a number of issues.

Tass did not mention the question of Soviet supplies to the Iraqi armed forces although Western diplomats said they believed the topic was almost certainly discussed.

Diplomats in the Middle East have reported that the Soviet Union is reassessing its policy of supplying arms independently to Iraq and Syria in the light of the rapprochement between the two countries.

Syrian President Hafez Assad was reported last Friday to have cancelled a visit to Moscow this week because he was dissatisfied with Soviet plans to coordinate supplies to Iraq and Syria to avoid unnecessary duplication.

### Otaiba affirms

## 'Oil prices will increase'

The size of the increase "is a question to be left to the conference," the minister said.

He added that the meeting "might decide to have one increase (in January) as part of the decision, and to have another gradual increase in the second half of the year."

Some OPEC members "have suggested a lump sum, others want a gradual rise, but this is not settled yet," he said.

In another development Libyan Oil Minister Ezzedin Mabrouk Wednesday called for a substantial increase in oil prices and said he hoped the OPEC conference would be able to reach a unanimous decision.

Mabrouk told reporters oil supplies had shrunk, partly due to a cutback in Iran's production, and demand had improved.

The market was ripe for a substantial oil price increase, he said, adding: "It is an opportunity which we should exploit."

He would not say what he meant by a substantial increase. But he said it should not be "symbolic."

Mabrouk said Libya favored replacing the U.S. dollar as the measure of oil prices but would retain it for oil payments.

Earlier in the day an Arab official said Arab oil producers hope to triple their capacity to refine petroleum within the next 10 years.

The development plans could mean that Western Europe, Japan and the United States

will buy far more gasoline petrochemicals and other refined oil products from Arab countries, said Ali Attiga, secretary-general of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

The official also criticized what he called an "obsession" industrial countries had with oil prices.

"The world's obsession with the price of oil is unfortunate," said Attiga, adding that oil accounted for only 10 per cent of world trade. Prices for

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## Mobuto promotes trade with Kingdom

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — President Mobutu Sese Seko Wednesday told a delegation from the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry "there is great scope" for trade relations between the two countries and that his country is keen on forging economic and trade links with the Kingdom.

The leader of the delegation, Sheikh Ismail Abu Daoud, president of the chamber, told President Mobutu that Saudi Arabia enjoyed free enterprise and that its markets depended on good quality products at competitive prices and fast efficient services.

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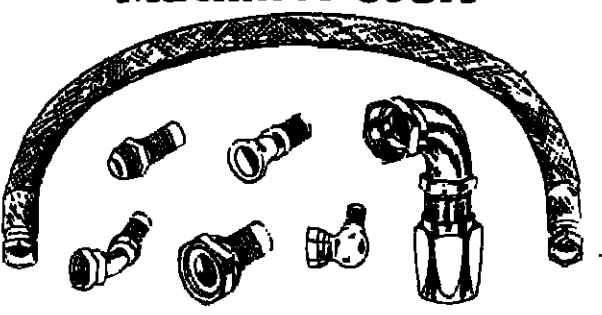
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## 75,000 telephone lines go into service today

By a Staff Reporter  
JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — A total of 75,000 new telephone lines were to be added to the Kingdoms network midnight Thursday as 14 automatic telephone exchanges are brought into operation, the Saudi Press Agency reported Wednesday.

The new lines and exchanges represent the first stage of the \$3.1 billion automatic telephone project to come into service. New exchanges at Hail, in the north of the Kingdom, and Taif were activated last week.

All telephone numbers will eventually be increased to

seven digits to accommodate the extra subscribers served by the new lines and by further 100,000 to be commissioned within six months. Some area codes will be altered.

For the moment, a Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Post, Telephone and Telegraph told SPA Wednesday that the Riyadh code was to change from 011 to 01 at midnight. Five-digit Riyadh telephone numbers beginning with 80 or 89 should henceforth be prefixed with 47, he said.

The additional 75,000 lines will not a considerable load on the existing cable network between Jeddah and Riyadh and other centers. PTT Minister Dr. Darwish Khalaf was quoted as saying "Wednesday by 'Al-Riyadh' newspaper.

On the project to link the major centers of population by microwave will ease the load by carrying all inter-city calls between Riyadh, Jeddah, Buraidah, Medina now handled by cables.

The microwave link between Jeddah and Medina will be commissioned in three months, he said, although constructing of the microwave masts has not begun. The Riyadh-Buraidah and Medina-Buraidah links have been completed.

### Charity begins in Riyadh jail

JEDDAH, Dec. 13—When Hassan Al-Kumayh read a newspaper appeal for charity for a seriously sick mother of several children, he offered to help. He contacted the newspaper and asked for someone to collect his donation.

The reporter went to the address and found it was Riyadh prison and Hassan an inmate for bankruptcy. But the prisoner insisted on donating SR 2000 to the sick woman's fund.

### Local briefs

●RIYADH, (SPA) — King Khalid Wednesday received a reply cable from Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates, thanking him for his greetings on the UAE National Day.

●RIYADH, (SPA) — King Khalid Wednesday cabled his congratulations to President Sir Anthony Joseph Mamo of Malta on the Maltese National Day.

●RIYADH, (SPA) — The eighth session of the Board

of Directors of ArabSat, the Arab space and satellite organization, will begin here on Dec. 13. The week-long deliberations will be attended by delegates from Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Iraq, Oman, Kuwait, Libya, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

●RIYADH (SPA) — Saudi Minister of Information Abdul Salam Shalsh has an active role in the field of a delegation



BOWLING: Youth Welfare Director General Prince Faisal bin Fahd Wednesday night opened the Jeddah Bowling Center, the first in Saudi Arabia. Behind him is Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi and at left and right Ahmad Dakhlil and Muhammad Nazam, partners in the company owning the center.

### Mayor says

## Jeddah lagoon to be cleaned up

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — The Jeddah Lagoon in front of the Corniche is to be dredged and cleaned up as part of the Corniche project, Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi has said.

"Wednesday" quoted the mayor as saying Tuesday that the dredging and deepening of the lagoon was a priority. A smaller lagoon is to be improved in Marmra and other are to be made at points along the coastal Corniche.

A 60-meter broad flyover is under construction to carry the Corniche over the Lagoon and a recreation center will be built there at a cost of about SR700 million.

Other projects include a tunnel under the Baiyah Square nearby and decorative planning, he said.

A contract has been awarded to a Saudi company to asphalt 46 kilometers of the Corniche at a cost of SR126 million, the mayor said Wednesday.

The project will take 18 months to complete.

Farisi said that SR62 million had been allocated to buy garbage vehicles and incinerators and to set up a committee of consultants for the cleanliness of the city.

Work is in progress, Farisi said, on a SR13 million garage for the repair and maintenance of municipal cleaning equipment.

## Host of cultural events urged to mark 15th century of Islam

By a Staff Reporter  
MECCA, Dec. 13 — Representatives of 34 Muslim countries, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Islamic Council of Europe wound up a three-day conference here with recommendations to observe the beginning of the 15th Century of the Islamic era with worldwide activities to highlight the Muslim contribution to civilization and culture.

The proposals submitted by the national committees included preparing of an Islamic encyclopedia, a study of Islamic medicine and the publica-

tion of books and treasures on various aspects of Islam.

The conference resolved to mark the occasion, which commemorates the exodus (Hijra) of the Holy Prophet Mohammed and his followers in 622 A.D. from Mecca to Medina with a five-year period of intense activity in pursuit of Islamic ideals and their dissemination in the world.

Tunisia proposed an international conference on Islamic culture to study the role of the ancient Zaitounah Mosque there and a conference to study Islamic society.

Algeria proposed a conference on the history of Islamic medicine and another on the Hijra and its meaning. Farisi said the biography of the Holy Prophet should be studied at a special conference. While Egypt proposed a conference of Muslim authorities and scholars specializing in the Islamic heritage.

The Islamic Council of Europe proposed conferences in London, Paris and Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, on the Holy Prophet and the message of Islam.

It also proposed the publication of a number of books, conferences to study the condition of Muslim minorities, exhibitions of Islamic books in London and Paris, the production of films in western

Europe, the issue of special commemorative medals and a conference in Cairo on the Sharia and jurisprudence.

Pakistan and Kuwait proposed the publication of Islamic atlases and gazetteer of places mentioned in the Quran and an encyclopedia of Islam. The Pakistani delegation also recommended the establishment of an Islamic university for arts and sciences.

The Indonesians proposed, among other things, a fashion show of Islamic costumes.

The recommendations of the conference will be submitted to the Tenth Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference which is due to be held in Kabat, near May.

### Flour imports said suspended

JEDDAH, Dec. 13—Imports of flour have been suspended throughout the Kingdom, according to Tewfik Ibrahim Tewfik, deputy minister of commerce for supply.

Tewfik told "Al-Istiqbal" newspaper that the Western Province would not need to import flour as soon as the General Organization for Grain Silos and Cereals starts production next year.

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U.S. opposes

# U.N. panel okays move to assist Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 13 (R)—A General Assembly committee Tuesday night approved a resolution on aid to Palestinians which the United States opposed as being designed to boost the standing of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

In a letter to a number of U.N. delegations this week, the U.S. called such a resolution a "totally unacceptable effort to politicize U.N. assistance" and warned that its adoption could jeopardize American contributions to U.N. voluntary aid programs, which this year amounted to \$230 million. The resolution was approved in the assembly's economic and financial committee by 93 votes to five against with 33 abstentions. Australia, Canada, Israel, Malawi and the U.S. opposed the draft, which now goes to the assembly plenary for endorsement.

## IMF satisfied with progress in North Yemen

SANAA, Nov. 13 (R)—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has expressed satisfaction at North Yemen's progress in carrying out its five-year development plan, Sanaa radio said.

It said the final meeting between a visiting IMF delegation and the Yemeni minister of development and head of central planning, Ali Lutf al-Thor, was held Tuesday.

Thor said after the meeting that the international experts had approved all the measures taken by the government in the fields of economic development, particularly in the production sectors.

"This will encourage us to intensify our efforts in this respect," he declared.

North Yemen has completed the part scheduled for the first two years of the plan, the broadcast said.

## Israeli army to conduct maneuvers

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13 (AP)—The Israeli armed forces will conduct an exercise soon to test its military reserve mobilization system, the army spokesman announced Wednesday.

The exercise will involve orderly private calls to army reserve units and emergency deployment maneuvers. The spokesman would not say when the exercise was to take place.

## Rolandis to meet Waldheim

NICOSIA, Dec. 13 (AP)—Cyprus Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis left for New York Wednesday to confer with U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim over the resumption of the deadlocked Cyprus intercommunal peace talks.

"The purpose of my journey is clear: to find a way in cooperation with the secretary general to break the deadlock and have the two communities sit at the conference table," Rolandis told support newsmen in a departure statement.

The Greek Cypriot side, he added, has stated repeatedly it is ready to resume the peace talks, provided those are carried out "within the framework of the United Nations, under the guidance of the secretary general, and provided the interests of the people of Cyprus are safeguarded in a just and logical manner."

Rolandis said during his stay in the United States he would also confer with State Department officials and convey to them the views of his government on the recent United States proposals for a settlement of the Cyprus problem.

The proposals were submitted to the Cyprus government, the Turkish Cypriot leadership and the Greek and Turkish governments last month but none of the recipients had either accepted or rejected them officially to date.

The proposals consist of a compromise set of 12 points, designed to form a basis for closing the existing wide gap between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot sides over the future of Cyprus.

The two sides have agreed on a settlement based on the establishment of a bi-regional federation. They disagree over the territory to be retained by the 18 per cent Turkish Cypriot community, the amount of power to be exercised by the central federal and regional governments as well as over the Greek Cypriot demand for the return of all the refugees to their homes in the Turkish occupied region.

# Kabul tortures political prisoners

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (AP)—An American scholar, recently released from detention in Kabul, said Wednesday that the new revolutionary regime has tortured political prisoners.

Dr. Louis Dupree, 54, an anthropologist who has carried out research in this central Asian country since 1949, said he was shown torture victims by Afghan secret police who tried to pressure him into confession allegedly for being a U.S. Central Intelligence Agency spy.

"I saw them beat some people there," said Dupree, a professor at Pennsylvania State University, who was held six days at the interior ministry and three other places in the Afghan capital before being expelled Dec. 1.

"They would begin by slapping and hitting with fists and kicking," he told the Associated Press. "I must confess, that after the first couple of times, I just closed my eyes and turned my back."

Among the victims was Muhammad Alam Nuristani, a graduate of Indiana University in the United States, who taught anthropology at Kabul University, he said.

"They showed me him and he had been beaten half to death," said Dupree. "The poor man was almost out of his mind and obviously he would have confessed to anything they wanted him to."

Many of those he met in detention had been arrested for distributing underground newspapers critical of President Nur Muhammad Taraki's pro-Soviet regime, which seized power April 27 in a coup that toppled President Muhammad Daoud.

The underground papers, mimeographed sheets known collectively as the "Evening News," are being produced by a Muslim group and a leftist faction which took part in the coup but since purged, he said.

Fluent in the local languages, Dupree said he learned from fellow prisoners of scattered insurrections in the countryside against the new leaders whom he said have alienated many of the nation's intellectuals and Muslim holy men.

Nuristani's arrest and torture could have been the result of a vendetta, he said. The Afghan scholar is a member of the Nuristani tribe which angered the new regime by murdering three of its officials and returning their bodies headless, he said.

"When they brought Muhammad Alam (Nuristani) in front of me, he was in complete terror," Dupree said.

"His upper lip was covering his lower lip, he could hardly see, he had a month's growth of beard. Scars all over... They had a towel lapped around his neck—I don't know

## New cabinet formed in Turkish Cyprus

NICOSIA, Dec. 13 (UPI)—The new cabinet of the self-proclaimed Turkish federated state of Cyprus was sworn in at a special ceremony Tuesday in the presence of Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş, ending a 15-day crisis within the Turkish Cypriot leadership.

But a Turkish Cypriot spokesman said the new cabinet would have to be ratified by the Turkish Cypriot Legislative Assembly.

He said, "The assembly is due to meet in a special session next week. It will need at least 21 votes out of the 40 deputies to ratify the cabinet."

The new cabinet was announced by Prime Minister Mustafa Cagatay.

The crisis in the Turkish Cypriot leadership came to a head Nov. 27 when eight ministers of the previous cabinet resigned amid reports in the Turkish Cypriot press of a major split within the ranks of the pro-Denktaş ruling National Unity Party.

For several months Turkish Cypriot papers had reported "second dealings" between the National Unity Party and foreign firms and companies whereby the latter would invest large sums in tourist installations and hotel complexes in Kyrenia and Famagusta in the northern half of the island.

Both towns were the main tourist centers of the island and were inhabited predominantly by Greek Cypriots until the Turkish military invasion of the island in the summer of 1974.

## U.S. admiral meets Kuwaiti defense minister

KUWAIT, Dec. 13 (AP)—Admiral Samuel Baker, commander of the U.S. naval forces in the Middle East, conferred with Kuwait's Defense Minister Sheikh Salem al Sabah and military commanders here Wednesday.

An official announcement said the talks were held in a cordial atmosphere, but said nothing about the topics discussed.

The meeting came in the midst of increased concern by Arab rulers in the Gulf region over the continuing turmoil in neighboring Iran.

Admiral Baker is in Kuwait aboard the command ship "La Salle," which is in the region for a series of official friendly port calls.

U.S. scholar

what they were doing there." Dupree said Nuristani looked like a "puppy dog" who would say anything his jailers wanted to hear. The Afghan anthropologist rambled repeatedly. "everyone knows Dupree is CIA, everyone says he is CIA," he recalled.

Quickly, the American scholar posed three questions: Had he ever tried to recruit him for the CIA, identified himself as an agent or tried to receive secret papers? Each time, Nuristani replied in the negative, Dupree said.

The charge was later dropped, but Dupree was told he could never return to Afghanistan. The Taraki regime has moved Afghanistan closer to the Soviet orbit while denying it is anything but a pro-Islamic and nationalist government. The overwhelming majority of the 17 million Afghans are devout Muslims and traditionally suspicious of their Communist neighbors.

Dupree, who was not physically mistreated himself, said torture has become a tool of the regime's secret police.

"From what I have heard, I believe torture is widespread," said Dupree, in New Delhi to attend an international conference of anthropologists.

"I saw some of the little electrode kits that they had used," he went on. "They bring them in just to show people and that's enough to turn people to jelly quite often."

Dupree, who is one of the staff of the American universities field staff, fears that the new regime is planning mass arrests of college instructors, particularly those educated in the West.

His prediction is based on numerous conversations before and during his detention, and the fact that Kabul University was being closed early and its graduating male students were to be inducted directly into the army.

"A purge of Western-trained intellectuals is in the offing in January," he said. "This will enable (regime leaders), if they carry out their plan, to arrest the professors while classes are not in session and no one would know but their immediate families."

Afghan intellectuals "would like to see the ideals of this new democratic republic succeed but now their methods are alienating all these people," he said.

"I don't feel bitter about being in jail for six days and six nights, and interrogated constantly. I don't feel bitter at all," Dupree added. "I feel very sad that Afghanistan has come to such a state where people are being tortured in the ministry of interior."

# West Bankers ordered to halt construction

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13 (R)—The Palestinian mayors of occupied West Bank towns Wednesday expressed fears that Israeli military orders banning further building in large tracts of land were in fact aimed at setting up new Jewish settlements.

Officials of the military government Tuesday presented the mayors of Beit Sahur, north of here, and Hebron with decrees forbidding all new permits in a total of 1,400 dunams (350 acres).

The mayor of Beit Sahur, Hanna al Atrash, told reporters military officials arrived at the town hall Tuesday with maps and said the municipality must immediately stop issuing further building permits for 1,200 dunams (300 acres) of land south of the town.

He said the reason given by the officials was because the lands, which house some 140 families, were close to an army camp where all building is forbidden.

Atrash said "the military government said the action was for security reasons but we believe it is for a new Jewish settlement or to have the area connected to Jerusalem for more Jewish homes."

In Hebron, the representa-

tives of the military government have already started fencing off an area of 200 dunams (50 acres) where some 28 families reside and military sources said new housing for the Jewish quarter of nearby Kiryat Arba will be built there. The official reason given for the action was "security."

Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasma told Reuters. "They put a fence around their houses and they refuse to let them enter their homes without the permission of the military government."

"I think the land fenced off is intended for an extension of Kiryat Arba Jewish quarter," he added.

Some 28 families live in the area being fenced off in Hebron and most of the land belongs to the family of former Mayor Muhammad Ali Jaabari, whose eldest son is being held in detention on security charges, Palestinian sources said.

Military government officials said the families already living in the restricted areas in Beit Sahur and Hebron "would be unaffected by the action."

They said an order seizing the Hebron lands was in fact issued seven years ago but the move had been postponed.

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## Massive fuel conflagration costing Rhodesia millions

SALISBURY, Dec. 13 (UPI) — South Africa Wednesday joined the battle against the biggest fire in southern Africa's history, a huge blaze raging for the third day at a major fuel depot attacked by black insurgents out to strangle Rhodesia's economy.

Salisbury Fire Chief Vin Lowrie said there will be pockets of fire "for many days and probably weeks" but that the blaze, which has already cost Rhodesia millions of dollars of precious fuel, was being brought under control.

He spoke hours after a U.S.-made South African Air Force C-130 landed carrying a fire truck on loan from the Johannesburg fire brigade. Lowrie's deputy, John Zanktraxer said 28 fuel tanks over 5 acres have caught fire since Monday night, when Patriotic Front guerrillas believed by military officials to have used rockets and tracer bullets sparked the blaze.

It was the greatest blow the insurgents have dealt Rhodesia's economy, already strained by the war and international trade sanctions, since the conflict against white minority rule began six years ago.

With the tanks holding an average of 875,000 gallons each (3.5 billion liters) according to government sources, the loss in fuel volume was believed to be in the region of 24.5 million gallons (98 million liters).

On Tuesday, government sources close to energy affairs estimated the loss at about \$10.3 million but the toll was still believed to have at least doubled.

Fire Chief Lowrie said the fire consumed aviation fuel, diesel oil and gasoline and added: "According to my information this is being classified as the biggest fire in southern Africa."

His deputy Zanktraxer praised the "tremendous cooperation of the South African government, the Johannesburg fire brigade and the oil companies" which are based in South Africa and send fuel to Rhodesia.

During the night a burning river of fuel streamed out of tanks that had burst and flowed down a concrete drainage ditch and onto a road in Salisbury's industrial sector, spreading for some 3 miles (4 km) before the fire was contained.

### Underage

## Law gags Vienna boys

VIENNA, Dec. 13 (AP) — The Vienna Boys' Choir will not sing as usual this holiday season because a reporter unearthed an old child-labor law the choir had unwittingly violated for decades.

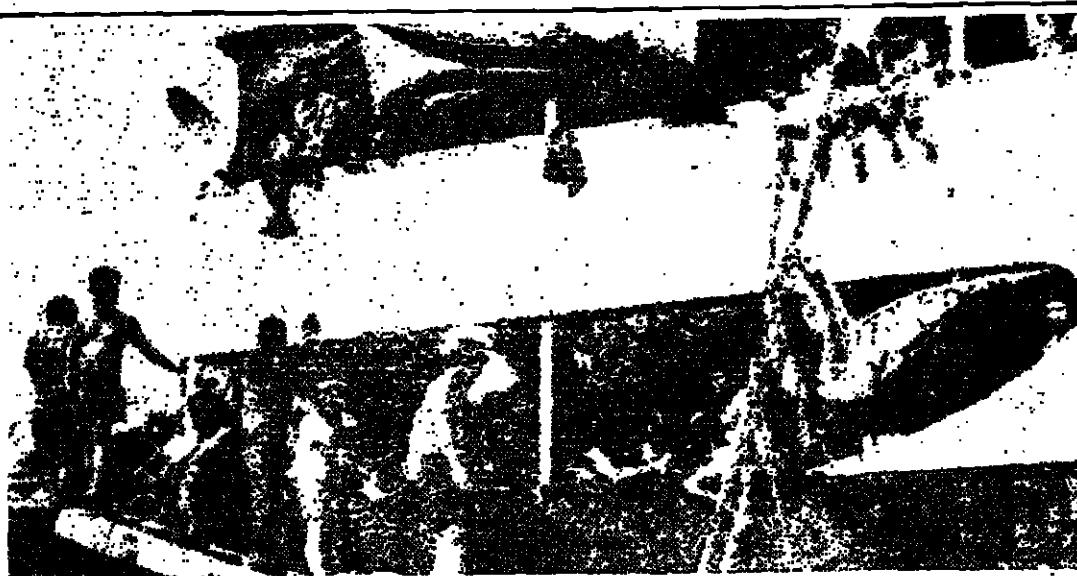
The statute says it is illegal to make children work during school holidays.

Except during World War II, the choir has sung each December for 180 years. Parliament is preparing an amendment to allow the boys to "work" during holidays.

"Unfortunately, it will not pass... before next year," Herbert Groeger, the choir's secretary, said Tuesday.

The choir, which is under the Education Ministry, tours the world and is a major tourist attraction at home.

A newspaper reporter whose brother had been a choirboy raised the question of legality when the boys were making a film during school holidays last August. She suggested the choirboys were being taken advantage of by being made to work.



STILL THERE: Refugees on the freighter Hai Hong off Port Klang, Malaysia, before many were airlifted to the West. But officials said Wednesday that over 900 of their companions are still on board.

## 958 Vietnamese still waiting on Hai Hong

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 13 (AP) — The 958 Vietnamese refugees who have waited aboard the stranded freighter Hai Hong for almost two months must wait longer before being flown to the United States for permanent settlement, refugee officials said Wednesday.

They also said that another boat with 161 Vietnamese aboard arrived at the island of Pulau Bidong, 300 kilometers northeast of here. They were prevented from landing by Malaysian troops guarding the island until they scuttled their boat. They were then assisted ashore.

Refugee officials said the United States was still making travel plans for the 958 Vietnamese aboard the Hai Hong, but they said it will not be "within the next few days."

The 1,500-ton freighter pic-

ked up about 2,441 Vietnamese off the Vung Tau Peninsula of Vietnam on Oct. 14. It dropped anchor off Port Klang, 32 kilometers west of here, on Nov. 9. Canada has accepted 604 refugees, West Germany 657, and France 222.

The officials said more than 200 of the refugees chosen by the United States will be flown away soon because they either have relatives there or have served the U.S. government.

With most of the original 2,441 gone, the remaining refugees have more room, and they are supplied with food and water by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees through the Malaysian Red Crescent, the officials said.

Meanwhile, the "Star," an English-language daily newspaper, reported Wednesday that Vietnam is using the "boat people" to infiltrate Cambodia and establish guerrilla teams there.

It quoted diplomats as saying that some of the infiltrators landed with refugees in the Trad and Reyang provinces of Thailand near the Cambodian border, before crossing into Cambodia.

White, a former city supervisor and police officer has been in "a prolonged state of shock" since he surrendered within an hour of the slayings at City Hall, his lawyer says.

White, 32, has been held in a cell by himself.

## Alleged City Hall slayer may plead derangement

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 (AP) — Dan White, accused of murdering San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Harvey Milk, a member of the city's Board of Supervisors, may change his innocent plea to one of insanity because of insanity when the case reaches trial in a superior court, his lawyer says.

Municipal Court Judge Ro-

## Holland requests world to forbid Menten entry

THE HAGUE, Dec. 13 (R) — Holland has asked other countries not to admit convicted war criminal Pieter Menten until the Dutch Supreme Court has ruled on an appeal against his release from detention expected in two months.

Foreign Ministry officials said Tuesday Holland had contacted almost every government in the world. The court ruling.

Menten, 79, was freed from a prison hospital by a Hague court on the grounds that he had been promised immunity from further prosecution by the then justice minister around 1952, but the ruling has been appealed.

He had been convicted of

But West wonders

## Soviets claim artificial blood coup

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Soviet researchers have announced a "major breakthrough" in developing an artificial substitute for blood but American experts said the work appeared similar to earlier research in the West.

Tass said Tuesday scientists were able to keep cats alive for up to eight hours after replacing their entire blood supply with a synthetic fluorocarbon

emulsion.

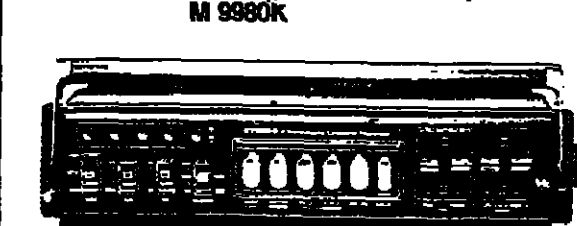
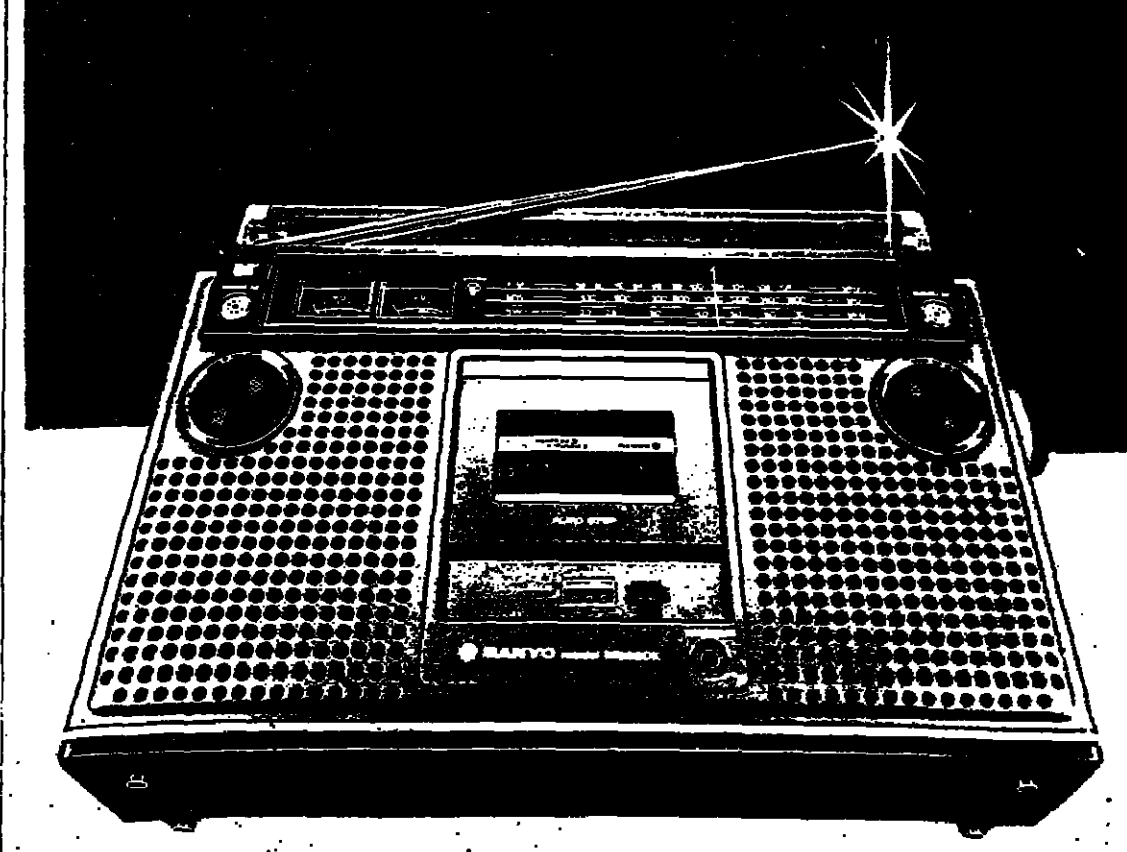
But in one American lab, rats have lived indefinitely after a complete fluorocarbon transfusion.

Doctors in both East and West are working to produce artificial blood substitutes because of their potential value on the battlefield, in hospital emergency rooms or for preserving organs for transplant. Fluorocarbons are considered

promising because they absorb and release oxygen under similar conditions to hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying pigment in red blood cells.

Moscow's Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion said the synthetic blood could be ready for clinical use in humans soon, and the Russians were also working on modifying haemoglobin for use in a blood substitute.

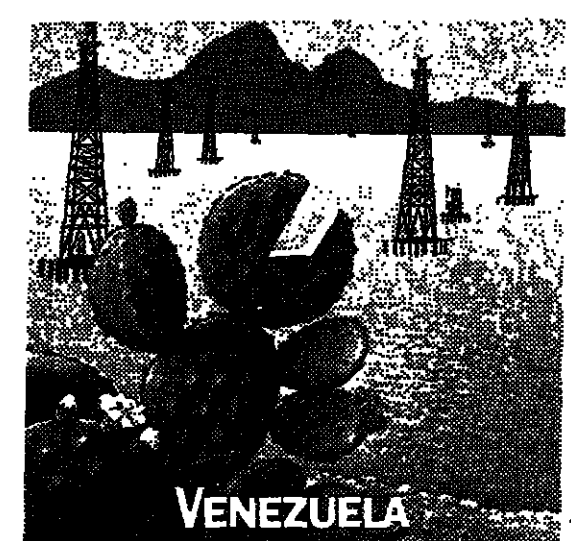
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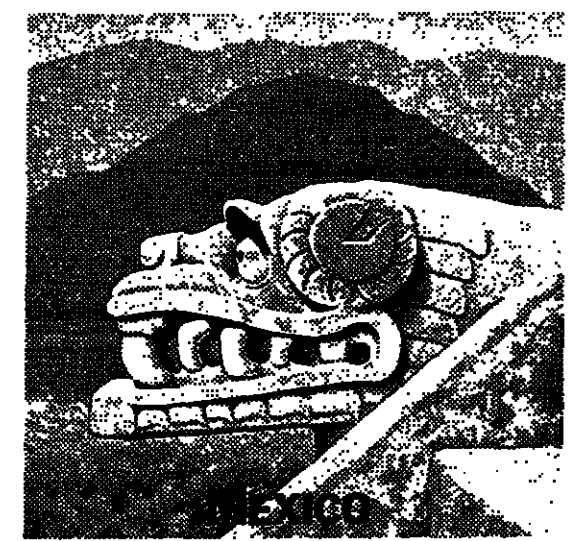
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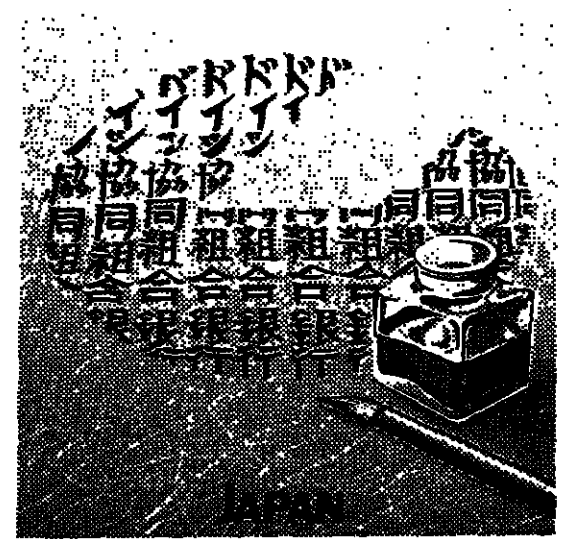
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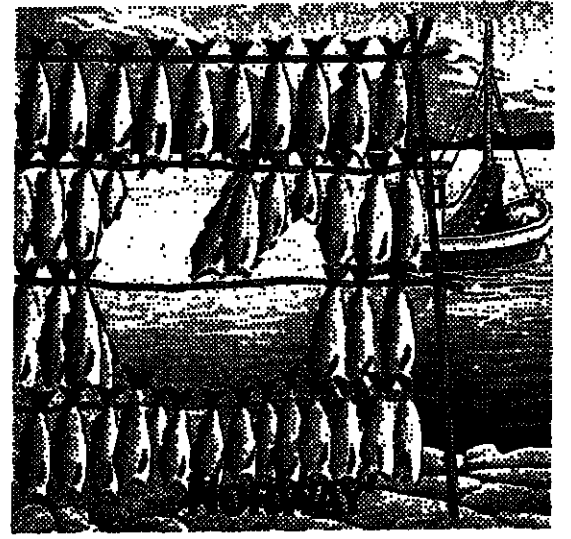
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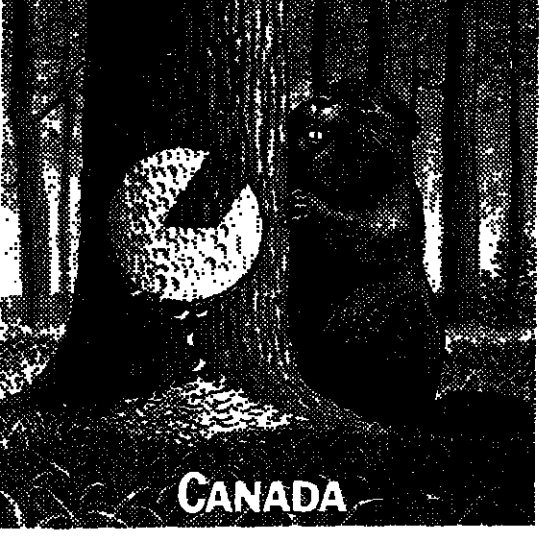
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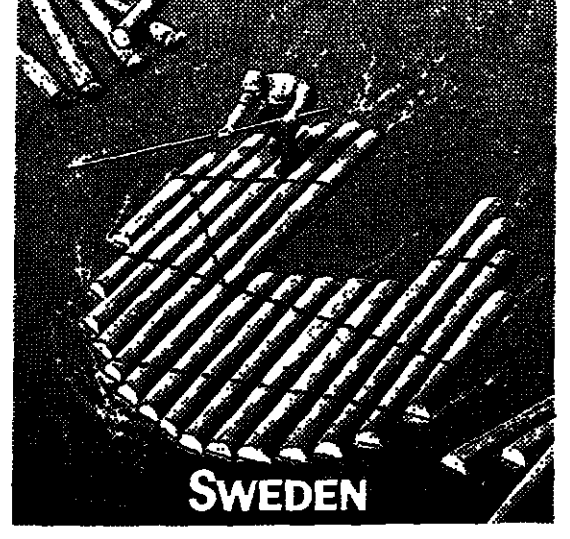
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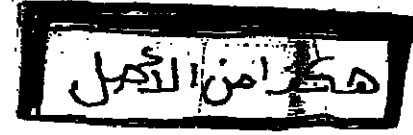
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## Cambodia admits it may lose land to Vietnam army

BEIJING, Dec. 13 (R) — Cambodian leader Pol Pot has conceded that part of his country may fall to Vietnam in current fighting but said this would make it easier to defeat Hanoi eventually.

The prime minister told New China News Agency (NCNA) in Phnom Penh Tuesday that "Vietnam could engage us at any time they like — we are always ready. We can attack them freely from the flanks or from the rear, by concentrating a superior force or by waging a guerrilla war."

The agency quoted him as saying that it was impossible for Vietnam to take Cambodia "at one stroke," but said there was a possibility that thousands of Soviet military advisers might arrive with large arms supplies for Vietnam.

"All these may add to our temporary difficulties. In the event of a massive Vietnamese offensive, some of our places may fall into their hands. We should take this possibility into account," the Cambodian leader said.

But since they will be fighting a war in our territory, they will meet with many difficulties. The longer they fight, the more they will be worn down. We will fight them and divide them in various ways," he added.

The prime minister said the deeper the "Vietnamese advance into our territory, the weaker they will become, and the easier it will be for us to beat them."

"We are prepared to fight a protracted war, on whose basis we build our full confidence in victory and foresee Vietnam's defeat."

He said this had been the case in the large-scale fighting one year ago.

"As soon as the Vietnamese set foot on our territory (at the end of 1977), they failed to earn the backing of the people and could find no food or other means of support. They had to transport food, munitions and reinforcements from their rear since they were encircled by our people," he said.



Jeremy Thorpe

## Magistrates rule Thorpe faces murder plot trial

MINEHEAD, England, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — Former British Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe must stand trial on charges that he conspired to kill a former male model, a magistrate's court ruled Wednesday.

The decision came on the 16th day of a hearing into the charges in this quiet resort town in western England.

Thorpe, 49, and three other men who were named as co-conspirators will now face London judge and jury on the charges of plotting to kill 38-year-old Norman Scott.

No date has been set for the trial. The three magistrates who heard testimony against Thorpe over the four-week period of the hearing also decided that Thorpe should be tried on charges of inciting banker David Holmes to murder Scott.

Holmes, 48, along with businessmen John Le Mesurier, 46, and George Deakin, 35, are accused of conspiring with Thorpe in the alleged murder plot. All defendants have denied the charges.

The prosecution has alleged that the four conspired to murder Scott because Scott possessed some damaging information about Thorpe which could have wrecked the popular politician's career if it became public.

Thorpe, who was Liberal Party leader from 1967 to

1976 was forced to step down from that position when the scandal was made public. At one time polls had shown him to be England's most popular politician.

In announcing the magistrate's verdict, which they reached after deliberating for 21 hours, Chief Magistrate Edward Donati told the accused, "We find that there is a prima facie case in respect to all the four of you regarding the conspiracy to murder and there is also prima facie evidence in respect to you, Thorpe, in respect of the charge of inciting David Holmes to murder Norman Scott."

All four co-defendants received the news impassively. Asked if they had anything to say, Deakin responded, "I am

not guilty of this charge." Lawyers for the other accused also said their clients are innocent.

The trial will be held at London's Old Bailey court — probably in April or May.

## New police spy laws annoy Secret Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) — The director of the U.S. Secret Service says new restrictions on police spying are hampering his agency's ability to protect presidents from assassination.

Director H. Stewart Knight testified Tuesday that the restrictions prevent his agency from gathering intelligence on suspicious groups who may want to kill a president.

"In effect we're trying to run a zero-error operation," Knight told a congressional committee investigating the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and civil rights leader Martin Luther King. "The best way to prevent something from happening is to know in advance who is planning what, when and where."

Another Secret Service official said, "We believe our biggest problem is that we are unable to get intelligence on groups that urge violence unless they commit a crime."

He said this had been the case in the large-scale fighting one year ago.

The restrictions prohibit the FBI from simply keeping watch on what it considers suspicious groups. It may now investigate only specific criminal threats of violence or subversion.

Deputy Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, disagreeing with the Secret Service, told the committee the FBI believes it is supplying as much useful information on assassination threats now from about 50 criminal investigations a year as it once did from 20,000 surveillance cases a year.

## Can of paint, briefcase, and broke

AHENS, Dec. 13 (AP) — The U.S. embassy lost the December payroll for its entire staff when two youths tricked the cashier and got away with \$58,164. One sprayed the cashier's back with paint. The second pointed it out to him, and grabbed his briefcase when the cashier put it down to check.

## Anti-Soviet revolt reported in Asia

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP) — An ethnic uprising against Soviet rule took place in Tadzhikistan on China's borders last September, according to a Peking report in "The Daily Telegraph" Wednesday. The New China News Agency quoted as the source of the report, said 13,000 persons were involved in the clash in Dushanbe, the republic's capital.

## Bomb defused at crowded Paris store

PARIS, Dec. 13 (UPI) — Police said Wednesday they have dismantled on time a new time bomb planted by an elusive "mad bomber" in the BHV department store crowded with Christmas shoppers. Security guards found the home made bomb Tuesday wrapped in a jacket in the store's hunting gear section.

## A lemming in sheep's clothing

REGGIO EMILIA, Italy, Dec. 13 (R) — About 200 sheep drowned after they jumped one by one like lemmings — into a fast-flowing river in this north Italian region Tuesday. Their two shepherds said they were baffled at the flock's mass suicide.

## Portugal okays new government

LISBON, Dec. 13 (AP) — Portugal's national assembly has voted to approve the country's third government this year an independent administration of nonparty economists and industrialists who will govern until the next scheduled elections in 1980.

## Janata members denounce Indira

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13 (AP) — Angry ruling Janata Party members, pointing accusingly at former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, demanded in parliament Tuesday that she be jailed for breach of parliamentary privilege while in power three years ago.

## England's forked tongue in letters to Cherokees

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP) — Eighteenth century letters about relations between the British colonists and American Indians were among a mass of papers auctioned for 40,000 pound (\$80,000) at Sotheby's Tuesday.

The letters cover the first crisis of William Henry Lytton's governorship at South Carolina when four Cherokee Indians were scalped by white colonists in 1757 near Saluda

River. He wrote to a fort commander not to mention the matter to Indians in his area. If they mentioned it first, Lytleton advised, the killings could be blamed on other Indian tribes.

Lytleton complained in one letter, addressed to "Emperor (chief) Old Hop" and "Little Carpenter," that although he had "brightened the chain of friendship between the two nations," the Indians had killed and scalped 19 whites.

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## Kenya's new chapter

By Gordon Maclean

As Kenya observed its 15th anniversary of independence from British rule Dec. 12, the country was already firmly set on a new course, which Kenyans now colloquially refer to as "Chapter Two". This is independent Kenya with Jomo Kenyatta no longer at the helm, but led by President Daniel Arap Moi since the "founding father's" death last August.

A year ago, few Kenyans would have forecast with any conviction that Moi would ever become more than an interim president, "holding the fort" until a more charismatic political figure was elected with a wide measure of support.

The automatic constitutional transition of power to the Vice-President Moi on an interim basis for 60 days and then his unanimous election on Oct. 14 as substantive president for a full term was, however, not as smooth as it seemed on the surface.

It has since been revealed by no less an authority than the Attorney-General Charles Njonjo that had the carefully planned scenario not been carried out successfully, he for one might have been assassinated along with President Moi and other leaders and by today there might have been a military regime in power.

The nation was started to learn that within the much-valued police force lurked a squad of hired killers disguised as members of the Stock Theft Unit, set up to combat cattle rustling in the Rift Valley. In fact this 250-strong group of "hit men", armed with sophisticated weapons, all trained in parachute drops and unarmed combat, had apparently been held in readiness near the town of Nakuru expressly to pre-empt the constitutional moves following Kenyatta's death — by assassination if necessary.

Just who were behind the

"hit men", nicknamed "ngorokos"? This has never been explained by the authorities beyond the fact that investigations are still continuing. Some of the "ngorokos" were arrested and others dispersed to police units around the country.

However, soon after the revelations the police chief in the huge Rift Valley Province was reported to have fled into Sudan.

The Kenya government has since asked Sudan and Interpol to help find the wanted man, assistant police commissioner James Mungai, for inquiries into alleged misuse of public funds and also for questioning about the Stock Theft Unit and the "ngorokos" who were at one time under his command.

The police as a whole underwent a major shakeup earlier, with the resignation of its long-time commissioner, Bernard Hinga, and the compulsory retirement of his assistant. Hinga's job was given to Ben Gethi, former commander of the tough, paramilitary General Service Unit (GSU). Later several senior army officers were "retired".

This much is public record. Less widely known is that once medical advice indicated that Jomo Kenyatta did not have long to live, contingency plans were put into operation. These involved widespread redeployment of military units and the police General Service Unit.

Somewhat the mysterious group aiming to thwart the interim succession by Moi never acted and what might have developed into a grave security situation leading to military intervention never happened.

Today, Moi enjoys widespread support, but two years ago it was not so. At that time a powerful group of politicians, mostly Kikuyu, emerged in Nakuru to challenge openly the clause in the Kenya constitution providing for Moi, then the vice-president, to take over on Kenyatta's death for an interim 60 days. (OFNS)

## Venezuela's puritan president

By Hugh O'Shaughnessy

LONDON — It's going to be a quieter Venezuela when the 53-year-old Luis Herrera Campins takes over the presidency early next year from Carlos Andres Perez.

Perez has presided over five affluent years as the price of oil, the country's main export, went through the roof. But with Venezuela's insatiable appetite for imports now starting to outrun the treasury's ability to pay for them and with many grandiose developments starting to cost much more than was ever dreamt of, Venezuelans face a period of relative austerity over the next five years.

Luis Herrera is well fitted for the task of persuading his countrymen to pull their belts in. In contrast to the ebullient extroversion and ready laugh of Perez, Herrera's manner is more reserved and even diffident.

Though his party COPEI, a Christian Democratic group, claims it has an ideology which is very distinct from President Perez's mildly social democratic Accion Democratica, the practical differences between them are not great and the COPEI victory this week will not bring any sudden doctrinal shifts in the Venezuelan poli-

tical spectrum.

Sensing perhaps that the Venezuelan electorate wanted a period of greater austerity, both Accion Democratica and COPEI fielded very similar candidates, Luis Herrera's rival, Luis Pineru Ordaz, being if anything more reserved and introspective than Herrera himself.

Herrera is a man whose childhood was passed frugally and in the shadow of political dictatorship and he therefore may be expected to value money and Venezuela's newly-established parliamentary customs very highly.

He says he remembers the terror imposed on the country under the rule of the tyrant Gomez and how the people of Acarigua would shut the doors and windows before voicing any criticism of the brutal dictator.

Today he promises to maintain democratic liberties but adds that he wants a "strong government".

Herrera aims to become something of a puritan in a country where millions of people have never had it so good. — (OFNS)



## Soviet headaches in Abkhazia

By Dan Fisher

MOSCOW —

A \$775-million Soviet effort to pacify a rebellious minority in one of the Soviet Union's main southern holiday areas has apparently failed to quell an embarrassing clash of nationalities in this nation where such conflicts are officially denied.

Recent Western and Soviet tourists alike report that the Abkhazian Autonomous Republic has been beset in recent weeks by strikes, brawls and such an influx of police and Soviet internal troops that the scene suggests that something approaching martial law is in force.

Two Western diplomats stationed in Moscow were denied permission to visit Sukhumi, capital of Abkhazia, last month in what observers interpreted as a tacit admission of major disturbances there. The city was closed to them for reasons of a temporary nature, Soviet officials said — an excuse that has been used in the past to prevent Westerners from visiting areas of particularly active national dissent.

There are centuries-old rivalries between the Abkhazians and the natives of Georgia, of which Abkhazia is organizationally a part. But the specific issue that has caused the recent flareup last December is an Abkhaz demand that their tiny republic be allowed to secede from Georgia and join the neighboring Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic.

The Abkhazians contend that they are so discriminated against both economically and culturally in their own autonomous republic that their national culture is in danger of being obliterated. They represent only about 16 percent of Abkhazia's 500,000 population.

The Russian woman said she also saw an unusual number of police on the streets, including some brought in from the north.

A Moscow man who also vacationed recently in Abkhazia said there had been a brawl in a restaurant in Gagra, north of Sukhumi, between Abkhazians and Georgians. Furniture was smashed and windows broken in the restaurant, he said. Later, he reported, the authorities blocked the main roads leading from Georgia to Abkhazia to prevent revenge-seeking Georgians from reaching the Autonomous Republic.

An American couple who toured Sukhumi in mid-October said they saw large numbers of soldiers there. "They were everywhere we went," said the American woman.

Western diplomats in Moscow said they have heard unconfirmed reports that armed bands of Abkhazians had been seen around Sukhumi early in October, apparently on the prowl for Georgians.

The diplomats also quoted another Soviet source as saying that the ruling politburo has ordered a further purge of Abkhazian officials.

The continuing trouble in Abkhazia is particularly embarrassing to the Kremlin leadership because it claims that the Communist Party's nationalities policy has solved the age-old problem of enmity and hatred among different nations. Soviet ideologists say such problems are a product of a capitalist society.

Abkhazia is one of 20 autonomous republics established under the Soviet constitution, ostensibly for the purpose of allowing minority groups to preserve their national identity.

Abkhazia is a tiny land, but the persistence of the current strife there represents a large headache to the Kremlin. — (LAT)

## Holland adjusts course

By John Morrison

THE HAGUE —

After years of being often out of step with their major allies, the Dutch are trying to come to terms with a new government which believes in not rocking the boat.

After nine months in office, the center-right coalition of Prime Minister Andreas van Agt has made it clear that the radical attitudes to foreign and defense policy adopted by the previous labor-led government are being quietly jettisoned.

The Dutch have always prided themselves on wielding an influence greater than their limited numbers (14 million) would justify, so the new "low profile" style has provoked criticism.

Critics and supporters agree that, at least in manners, things have changed since the turbulent center-left coalition of Socialist Premier Joop den Uyl was replaced last December after four and a half years.

Den Uyl's government took a certain pride in occasionally exasperating its allies within NATO by refusing to toe the line. In 1974 its plans for defense cuts drew an unprecedented blast of criticism from NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns, a former Dutch foreign minister.

Defense Minister Henk Vredeling replied by telling an interviewer he felt a strong desire to kick Luns "between the goalposts."

Foreign Minister Max Van Der Stoep and Development Aid Minister Jan Pronk, both Socialists like Vredeling, also had their share of clashes with less radical colleagues from other Western governments.

Pronk in particular caused controversy at home by giving foreign aid to Cuba and subsidies to left-wing political protest groups in Holland.

Aid to Cuba will cease at the end of 1978, and in other areas too there have been changes, though more in style than in substance.

Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Klaauw, a mild-mannered career diplomat, has been trying to wean his country away from its tendency to raise an admonishing finger at the rest of the world.

"People here make so much

noise about human rights violations abroad, but there is no country where human rights are respected fully. Look at us, with our parents who refused to vaccinate their children against polio," he said in a recent interview.

Van Der Klaauw, a liberal, says he believes in promoting human rights by quiet diplomacy rather than spectacular public gestures.

Van Der Klaauw is unlikely to follow the example of Van Der Stoep, who enraged his hosts during a visit to Czechoslovakia last year by meeting Professor Jan Patocka, one of the leaders of the "Charter 77" human rights movement.

On occasions when the government has responded to public pressure in Holland to make a public gesture, the results have not always been happy.

After a series of trials of Soviet dissidents this summer, Vice-Premier Hans Wiegel announced relations with the Soviet Union were being frozen.

The Foreign Ministry hastened to tone this down, explaining that relations with Moscow were merely being reviewed during a "pause for thought."

A few weeks later the pause for thought ended and Prime Minister Van Agt announced relations with the Soviet Union would continue exactly as before.

Such incidents have drawn biting criticism in the Dutch press, which has openly questioned Van Der Klaauw's competence at his job. Some commentators have pointed out that Van Agt, a former justice minister, is a novice in foreign affairs and out of his depth when he has to deal at summit meetings with political heavyweights such as West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Van Der Klaauw, an amiable pipesmoker with no known enemies, has suffered from lack of familiarity with Dutch domestic politics after spending many years abroad, representing his country at the United Nations in New York and Geneva.

The foreign minister has found himself mauled by the opposition in the Dutch parliament, where diplomatic etiquette is unknown.

Under pressure from the Dutch churches, Van Agt's own Christian Democrats are likely to resist any possibility of the neutron bomb being stockpiled in Holland or supplied to Dutch NATO forces.

The Christian Democratic floor leader in parliament, Willem Aantjes, has raised the possibility of Holland leaving NATO altogether if President Carter gives the go-ahead for production of the weapon in the next few months.

If however the president decides to renounce the weapon completely, no one will be more relieved than the Dutch government. — (R)

## Italy's 'strategy of terror'

By David Willey

ROME —

This month marked the ninth anniversary of Italy's worst post-war terrorist attack — the Milan bank bombing of Dec. 12, 1969. But the trial of those accused of carrying out the crime, now in its concluding stages after innumerable procedural delays, has failed to establish where the guilt for the massacre lies.

The prosecution has demanded prison sentences for two separate sets of defendants. Both cannot be guilty because they come from opposite ends of the political spectrum.

Another trial is now in prospect in Milan to determine the exact connections between politicians, the intelligence services and what is known here as the "strategy of terror."

It was hinted in the summing-up for the prosecution last month that someone in government deliberately sabotaged police investigations into the crime.

There were 83 bomb attacks in 1969, the year which marked

the start of the "strategy of terror" in Italy. In 1977 there were 2,128 terrorist attacks and this year's figures are about 20 per cent higher, according to the minister of the interior.

The escalation of terrorism has been accompanied by growing confusion and doubt over its originators. Are they neo-Fascists or left-wing anarchists? Both have been on trial at Catanzaro. The main neo-Fascist accused, Franco Freda, absconded two months ago and police are now hunting for him once again. He is alleged to have supplied the timer for the Milan bank bomb, which killed 16 people and maimed and wounded over 80 more.

The principal anarchist defendant, Pietro Valpreda, a former ballet dancer now working as a book salesman in Milan, has also spent a total of four years in jail. He was released but has declined to attend the trial.

A third group of accused are secret service agents alleged to have protected the neo-Fascists from the law.

Winding up his case for the prosecutions, State Prosecutor Mariano Lombardi said: "The subversive organization (responsible for the bank bombing) could count on a secret service able to protect people under the gravest suspicion."

He referred to evidence given by Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, former Prime Minister Mariano Rumor and other senior politicians, and the sentencing for perjury of Italy's number two military judge who tried to protect his political masters by lying.

"This trial with its inevitable gaps does not mark the end of investigations, but the beginning of a new phase. It is sufficient to remember the lies of many politicians and the sentencing of General Saverio Malizia to hope that the investigations now taking place in Milan into the connections between terrorism and the ruling classes, connections which most certainly do exist, may fill these gaps," he said. (OFNS)

## saudi press review

"Al-Medina" said that the just-concluded OPEC meeting and the forthcoming OPEC meeting appear to be the least alarming conferences of oil ministers to date.

"The reason is that the other oil exporting countries have come to the conclusion that Saudi Arabia's prudent approach to oil prices is the best and wisest. Saudi Arabia has always believed that oil prices should serve the interests of the producers and consumers alike, and that discussions of oil increases should be reasonable. While trying to avoid any harm to the world economy, the Saudi government has also made it imperative on the industrialized nations to combat inflation and control currency fluctuations."

"OPEC" also commented on the OPEC meeting and said that it was "another indication of the strength of the oil producing countries which lies in their unity."

"The success of OPEC is an expression of the unity of the Arab countries as well as the Arab desire for justice, right and peace. OPEC realizes too that the prosperity and wellbeing of the world is an indivisible matter and that working towards it is an important OPEC objective."

"The resolutions of the conference should emphasize the basic requirements of international wellbeing by combatting inflation and achieving the highest possible living standards for the people of the OPEC states."

"Al-Riyadh" commented on Cyrus Vance's shuttle diplomacy to narrow the gap between the Egyptian and Israeli positions.

It said that it "is absurd to expect the Palestinians and other Arabs to accept the principle of self-government under Israeli control in the occupied lands."

The paper said such a scheme would place the people of the occupied lands effectively under Israeli domination. It added that the insistence of the U.S., Egypt and Israel on such a plan is bewildering.

The paper, in another comment, said King Hussein's visit to France had a military and a political reason.

It added: "perhaps the United States and Egypt wanted the French President to put pressure on King Hussein to join the Camp David accords. But this is impossible because the King will not change his mind."

The King would also seek French military supplies to

diversify his armory. Jordan now depends almost entirely on American and British arms supplies and recently has bought some from the Soviet Union.

"The King may want to increase the quota of French arms just in case," the paper said.

"Al-Medina" discussed the increasing number of non-Muslims who convert to Islam in Saudi Arabia.

The paper said it does not agree with those who believe that some of these people convert out of convenience, either to be able to work in the pilgrimage sites where non-Muslims are forbidden entry, or to be able to marry Muslim girls or to divorce a wife since this is permitted in Islam.

But the writer criticized the lengthy process of accepting these converts and giving them certificates of conversion to Islam. He said that the red tape involved in this process is tedious and takes far too long.

The writer proposed an Islamic center to teach converts the precepts of Islam "instead of relying on translations. He cited the example of an Italian convert who read the Koran in his own language but could not understand it."



# Bahrain-Al Khobar by dhow: A pleasure



Mina Manama in Bahrain

By Mary Jo McConahay  
**MINA MANAMA** — By air the distance between Bahrain and Dahrhan is covered in about 12 minutes. By sea-going dhow, the trip is three hours long, but the experience can be timeless.

The adventure begins at Mina Manama, a pier located on the sea road midway between the Hilton and Delmon hotels. (Going the other way, dhows are available under the same circumstances from Al Khobar port at the end of the Dahrhan Al-Khobar highway.) There is a friendly security post at the gate, and once on the dock,

modern, bustling Bahrain has been left behind.

Dhows are anchored two and three abreast on either side of the pier, and early in the morning there is activity in every quarter. Men wash clothes and hang them on lines strung across the boats, and some mend nets alone or with their fellow crewmen. On one dhow about five sailors sit crosslegged on the deck, eating from a circular tin dish heaped with rice and fish, and someone emerges from below with a huge, beaked coffee pot. Men with mature faces but strong, bare backs walk among burlap sacks of grain or

the fish traps which look like chain link igloos stacked along the edges of the pier. A truck pulls up and workers begin loading huge blocks of ice, walking them across the water onto the deck on a plank less than half a meter wide. The ice will be used to preserve the day's catch until the boat returns to port at night.

There is some important advice to remember when asking for a boat to Al Khobar: be persistent. If the first person you ask says no, walk around ask again, and chances are you will find someone who is going — if not going right away.

There is no such thing as a reservation so it is best to arrive early, say about 7:30 a.m. or so. Although the boat may not actually leave until 9:00 or later, often the captain will decide whether or not to prepare for a trip based on how many prospective passengers show interest.

At the pier, immigration procedures are quick and easy, because there are no crowds. And baggage handling is a snap: you load your own. On the dhow the passenger can rest easy, usually perched on top of his own suitcase.

When passengers are ready

to board, a crewman will

spread a thin mat to sit on, and a rolled-up towel or coat can provide extra cushioning as you lie or lean against the low rail surrounding the wooden deck. Now it is time to guess what the fare will be. This depends on how many people show up for the trip: the more the cheaper. The captain may quote a price of eight dinars at first (about 80 riyals), but, as was the case when a family with their goats came late to board the boat I was on, the fare went down to six. On busy days, when the dhow carries 40 or more passengers, travelers report paying less than three dinars. Money is collected in a plastic bag and tickets are distributed in the form of cardboard forms cut to uniform size and trading cards bearing the likenesses of TV heroes Kojak or the Bionic Woman. These are collected again out at sea.

At one time, when the fleet of pearling dhows sailed off from some Gulf beach, they were given farewell by crowds beating drums and singing. Today the departure of a dhow is signalled by the revving of a puttering motor which will propel the craft across this stretch of the Gulf.

Despite the use of engines instead of sails, however, dhows today look much as they did before the oil boom, when pearling and fishing were the livelihoods of the inhabitants of the Eastern Province coast towns, and especially of Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait. Even the few remaining native shipbuilders still trust eye and thumb more than blueprints. They use naturally shaped tree trunks for the ribs, then add the stern board and build up the hull. They use iron nails today, but still employ bow rather than electric drills. The result is a solid, satisfying boat which looks and feels appropriate for the shallow waters of its home

seas.

We leave the last of the triangular fish traps set hundreds of meters off the Bahraini coast. Together they look like so many long arrows pointing in different directions, and the waters become smooth and quiet. It is one of those days when sea and sky shimmer with the same gray-blue light, and it is difficult to tell where one ends and the other begins. The trip is blessedly uneventful, and most passengers pass the hours sleeping or talking quietly or gazing down at the water, which is almost close enough to touch. On Fridays the dhow is a sort of student shuttle, and someone may bring out a plastic flute or sing.

In general, however, entertainment is provided by one's own thoughts or by an occasional splashing dolphin. The sand bar in the distance, says the man at the helm, has its own fresh water supply. Hundreds of cormorants fly overhead in an undulating vee, or skim like endless ellipses ahead of the dhow just above the water. Great flapping fish jump into the air and disappear again. In between, silence out far and nearby, the hum-pitter of the engine and the sound of water gently lapping by.

After an indeterminate period of time the crewman who has been bringing hot tea from below appears with the green flag of Saudi Arabia, and takes down Bahrain's red and white from the aft pole. When the Saudi flag is hoisted we are in local water, and soon the cranes and tall buildings of Dahrhan's skyline appear on the horizon. We turn to head in the direction where Al Khobar should be, and one by one begin to pick out the landmarks of that town as well. Now the young captain orders everyone aft to stand and go forward: this is a dangerous shoal, and the keel must not scrape bottom. The captain looks very

young, and has probably navigated this passage alone only hundreds — not thousands — of times, so beads of perspiration form on his upper lip during the long minutes. Finally we reach the channel and it is smooth sailing from here to the tiny port of Al Khobar. On shore a single official

comes to meet the dhow, and there is promise of another easy, uncrowded processing on arrival. But beyond the port one hears the horns and senses the frenzy of the town. The captain puts away the compass and urges his passengers onto the dock. Some appear reluctant.

## KIOSK

A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom

JEDDAH:

Thursday, Dec. 14:

British Community Bazaar. Handicrafts, plants, baked goods, toys, decorations, books, etc. At the British Embassy, 4:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, Dec. 16:

A concert of seasonal music and Mozart vespers, presented by the Hejaz Choral Society. At the Players Playhouse, 8 p.m. No admission charge.

Sunday, Dec. 17:

A holiday sing-along, hosted by U.S. Ambassador John West. At the Ambassador's residence, U.S. Embassy, 7:30 p.m. Americans and their families invited.

Monday, Dec. 18:

The Jeddah Fine Arts Society meeting. At the British Embassy, 7:30 p.m.

RIYADH

Thursday, Dec. 14 — Sunday, Dec. 16:

"The Odd Couple," a comedy, presented by the Riyadh Players. At the U.S. Joint Commission auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: SR 15.

Thursday, Dec. 14:

"J-Core Wives Holiday Bazaar." Handicrafts, baked goods, etc. At the U.S. Joint Commission compound, on Dammam Road behind the amusement park. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 — Friday, Dec. 22:

"Paintings by Hrair," an exhibition at the Intercontinental Hotel exhibition room. Showings from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

DHAHRAN

Thursday, Dec. 14:

Last night of "The World of Dickens Festival" at Dahrhan Academy. Take a stroll along the Strand from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and see entertainments and exhibits of the 1800s. Curtain time for the musical "Oliver" is 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, free tickets at the door.

Friday, Dec. 15:

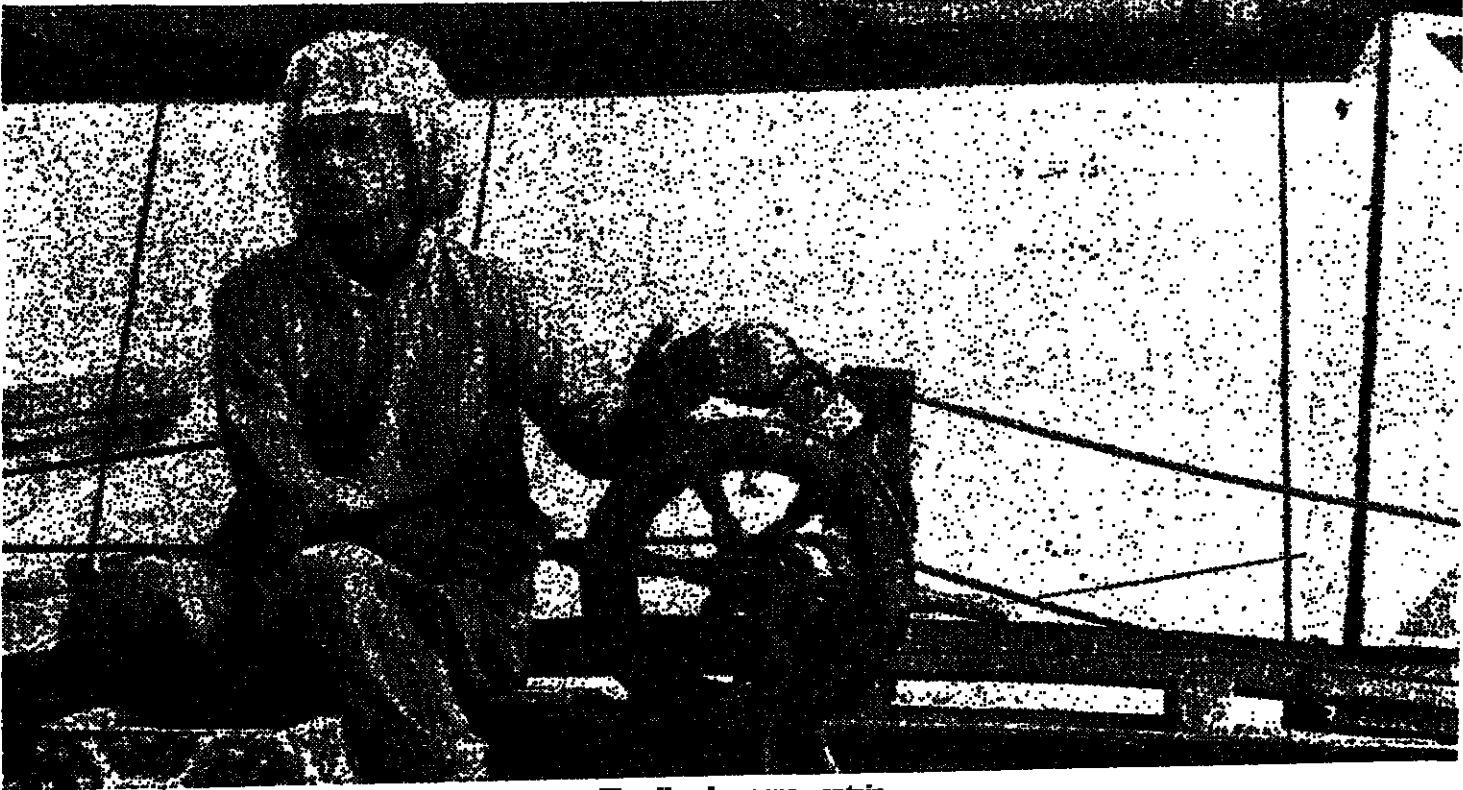
Dahrhan 12-mile Road Relya Race (jogging enthusiasts, please). At the sports field below the Aramco School, intersection of O and 3rd Streets. Begins at 2:30 p.m. Call Richard Thom, Aramco/Dahrhan, Tel. 42634, for further information.

Monday, Dec. 18:

Last day to sign up for Dahrhan Outing Group's trip to Sharjah, Dec. 27 — Jan. 1. For information, telephone Karen Irwin at Aramco, 52972.

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The dhow's young captain

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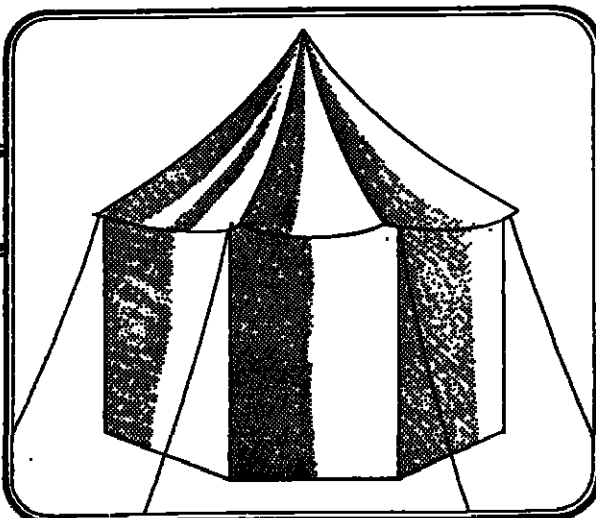
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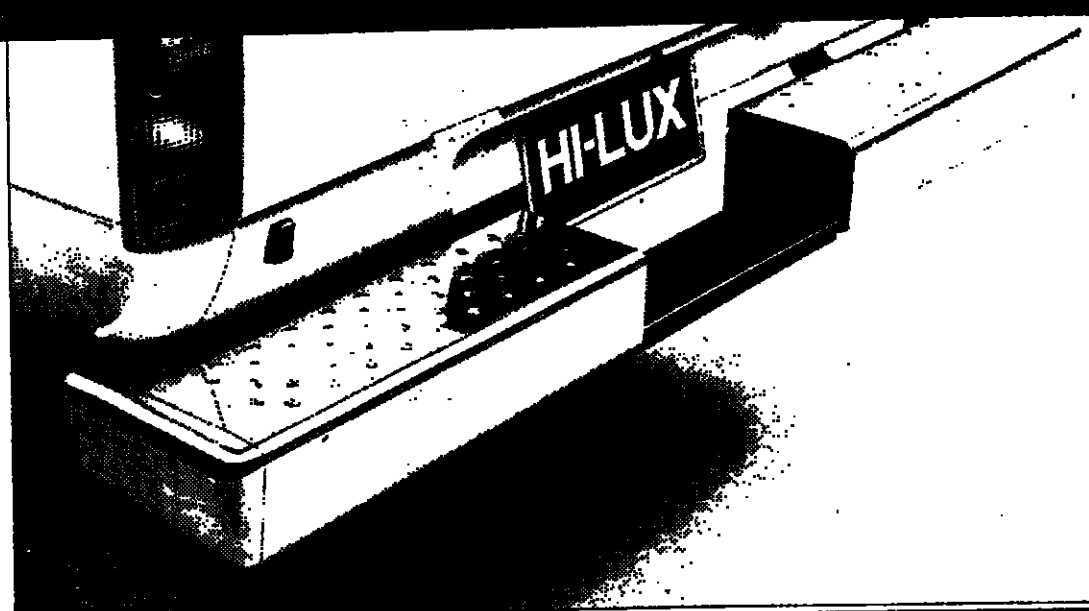
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## Away from the Anna Wong look

By William Tsohy  
LONDON—The waiters don't like the food, you are lucky to get a cup of tea and it is hard to find a pair of chopsticks. Yet the place has become the most popular Chinese restaurant in town.

And to proprietor Michael Chow, his restaurant, which is called "Mr. Chow," is one of the best outside of China.

The success of Mr. Chow is due to Michael Chow's various skills—as chef, architect, decorator, executive, actor, impresario, host and outspoken commentator on matters of cuisine.

For members of the Hollywood movie world, Mr. Chow, in the Knightsbridge section of

London, has become something of a home away from home, and Chow has been called "chef to the jet set."

At 38, Chow has a background as varied as that of any of his clientele, and he said—half tongue-in-cheek—of his decision to become a restaurateur:

"I left Shanghai when I was only 13, heading for the United States. But I landed in England instead, and I found choices for a Chinese in the West limited. It was either a Chinese restaurant or a laundry. I chose a restaurant. My critics say I made the wrong choice."

When Chow discusses Chinese cuisine he becomes rhapsodical, and he believes that London has the best Chinese restaurants outside of China and Hong Kong.

"That's because Hong Kong is still a British colony," he explained. "So there is a lot more traffic between the two cities. Chinese arrive here with new ideas. You don't get dated like the Chinese restaurants in New York and San Francisco, where new Chinese chefs can't get in. And the large Chinese community here provides a discriminating clientele."

There is no question in Chow's mind—or palate—which national cuisines are superior.

"Chinese is the best," he said. "French is only number two. Chinese cuisine is to French cuisine as a symphony is to a quartet. All Chinese may look alike, but the dishes are fantastically diverse, of incredible variety."

"And Chinese cooking is wonderfully decadent. What other people would find more than a thousand ways to cook and egg, one of which involves cooking the egg just before the chicken is about to hatch, so that you are eating half-chicken and half-egg? That's decadence."

"The Chinese culinary vocabulary is vast. For example, the ways of expressing the method 'to fry' are endless, and when inventing a new dish, the Chinese always think in terms of movement, vision, form and poetry."

"The classic tea time meal, 'dim sum,' literally translated, means 'to lightly touch the heart.' I think it is a great shame that the poetry is lost in the translation."

"There is a Shanghai dish where only the tail of the fish is eaten. This is called 'water beater,' which perfectly expresses the visual element of the fish's tail propelling itself. In English, however, this has somehow come to be known as 'stewed fish tail' or maybe number 15 on the menu."

Michael Chow was born in 1939, the son of parents who were an acting team in the classical Chinese theater. He left in 1952, and they were purged in the Cultural Revolution.

Chow never made it to his intended goal, the United States. He entered school in Britain studying acting, art and architecture. He married a half-American, half-Japanese fashion model from Cleveland, Ohio, named Tina, and thought of pursuing an acting career.

"I was terrible," he recalled. "I said lines like 'You velly, velly bad.' Real Anna May Wong stuff. I played a wily Oriental in the James Bond film 'You Only Live Twice.' Right now, I've got a cameo part in 'Someone is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe.' I play a Chinese chef, of course."

In 1968 Chow opened his restaurant, specializing in Peking cuisine but incorporating Cantonese, Shanghai and Szechuan dishes. Instead of the usual dark red chinoiserie decor, Chow's interior was a light, airy blend of greenery, chrome, smoked perspex, and Warhol prints.

"I wanted to get away from the Anna May Wong look, with an international setting and authentic Chinese cuisine," he said.

Chow decided to give his customers knives and forks rather than chopsticks.

"You shouldn't use them until you've mastered them," he said. "I hate to see people fumbling with their chopsticks. It's like watching someone eat a steak with an ax and pitchfork."

Chow also hired Italian waiters.

"Why not?" he asked. "They make the best waiters, and they were available. The trouble is they don't like Chinese cuisine. Every one of them prefers a big plate of spaghetti. No use telling them pasta came from China. So much for Marco Polo."

Chow's Knightsbridge restaurant caught on quickly, though the clientele was surprised at the decor and different style.

"Because of the international atmosphere," Chow said, "some people thought they weren't eating true Chinese food. In fact, they were eating a sampling of the best Chinese cuisine I could make."

Costs of running a restaurant have skyrocketed and so have prices, but Chow believes that high prices at least make the customers more discriminating.

"Our clientele tend to be discriminating," he said, "and that includes the celebrities. I admit we don't offer tea, as some restaurants do, because there's no money in tea."

"And I also admit that we do tend to favor some customers. It would be foolish to say that we don't give some of our better clientele a certain extra something you might not get coming off the street."

"If you want a truly democratic restaurant, go to McDonalds."

Chow is pleased that recent developments in French cooking, notably the "nouvelle cuisine," have incorporated many Chinese techniques, particularly the preparation of vegetables, which he says should be cooked "quickly, slightly raw but crisp."

On other cuisines he says:

Italian: "Can be very good or very bad."

English: "Has potential but narrow range."

Indian: "Good but boring."

Japanese: "Limited but tasty."

Chow is pleased that recent developments in French cooking, notably the "nouvelle cuisine," have incorporated many Chinese techniques, particularly the preparation of vegetables, which he says should be cooked "quickly, slightly raw but crisp."

On other cuisines he says:

Italian: "Can be very good or very bad."

English: "Has potential but narrow range."

Indian: "Good but boring."

Japanese: "Limited but tasty."

tastic sashimi."

Spanish: "Fine potential, usually not realized."

German: "So-so."

Scandinavian: "Take it or leave it."

It is the subject of American cooking that triggers Chow's most negative comments.

"Everything looks good as long as you don't eat it," he said. "There is too much frozen, artificial coloring, chemicals, vegetables are blown-

up and watery. And junk foods have ruined the taste buds. Americans drink and smoke and this kills their taste, so everything is heavily seasoned."

"I think Americans talk and write too much about food, but they don't concentrate on the fine ingredients and careful preparation that make for fine cooking."

On eating Chinese food, Chow advises:

"When selecting a meal, there should be a mixture of

tastes, textures and colors, i.e., hot and spicy, cold, dry, juicy, crunchy, smooth, white, red, dark. There should be a variety and balance. And 'rice acts as a buffer between different tastes and cleanses the palate."

"Hundreds of years of discipline and knowledge in China have gone into separating different tastes into different dishes. The European habit of loading several flavors onto plate is blasphemy."—(LAT)

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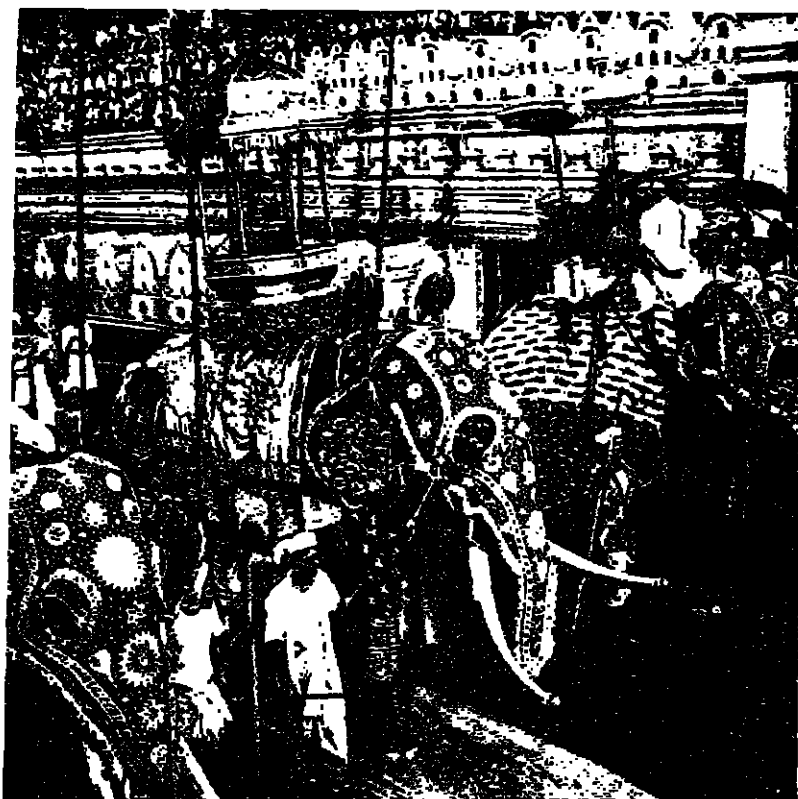
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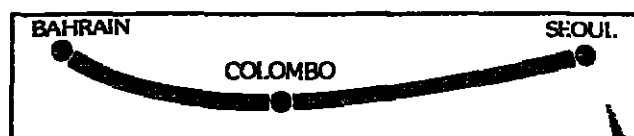
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## Moratorium imposed on building in UAE

ABU DHABI, Dec. 13 (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan al-Nahyan Wednesday imposed a moratorium on building in the UAE, other than for use by owners, the official Emirates News Agency reported.

The agency said the president had ordered banks to stop financing investments in the construction industry.

He also ordered the establishment of a real estate bank with a capital of one billion dirhams (about \$250 million) and an industrial bank to finance industrial projects in the country.

The move was taken to stimulate the country's economy and streamline its development programs.

In May last year, the UAE faced a banking crisis as banks poured large sums in the construction sector and the result was many new building not finding users.

Up to 40 per cent of bank lending has so far been for

## BP leads European companies

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP) — British Petroleum (BP), the state controlled oil giant, has become the biggest company in Europe and the sixth largest in the world, according to a new book.

"The Times 1000," an annual review of leading companies published by Times Books, calculated company rankings by total sales through 1977 and said BP displaced Royal Dutch Shell of the Netherlands, which was first in the previous edition.

BP sales totalled 14.7 billion pounds (nearly \$30 billion) and Royal Dutch 13.6 billion pounds (\$27 billion).

A separate table of the 100 leading American companies showed five with bigger sales than BP—Exxon, General Motors, Ford, Mobil and Texaco.

Oil and chemical companies predominate in the European top 20. Another British oil giant, Shell Transport and Trading, ranked third with sales of 11.3 billion pounds (\$22.6 billion).

## U.K. doubles oil production of North Sea

LONDON, Dec. 13 (R) — Production from Britain's nine North Sea oilfields more than doubled to 41 million tonnes in the last year, a government report said Wednesday.

In 1977 production was less than 18 million tonnes.

Gas production from the North Sea was virtually the same as the year before at 40,000 million cubic meters.

The report said 93 production wells and 105 exploration wells were drilled in the year compared with 56 and 87 respectively in 1977.



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Reed also opened a new office in New York for marketing & advertising in the Wall Street area at 111 John Street.

## Troubled Chrysler to lay off 15,700 workers at three plants

DETROIT, Michigan, Dec. 13 (AP) — The financially troubled Chrysler Corporation says 15,700 workers at three assembly plants will be laid off next month while plants are shut down for two weeks to reduce inventories of unsold cars.

And at Hamtramck, Michigan, a small city surrounded by Detroit, 1,200 production workers and 70 white collar workers — from a total of about 7,000 — will not be called back when it reopens Jan. 22, the nation's third largest automaker said.

As a rule, manufacturers like to keep a 60-day supply of cars on hand. Chrysler's supply, swollen by slow sales recently, is well above that.

The industry had 1,728,000 unsold cars at the end of November, according to the trade publication "Ward's Automotive Reports." Chrysler's share was 304,000 cars, or a 95-day supply. American Motors Corp. had a 96-day supply, Ford Motor Co. 68 days and General Motors Corp. 43 days. Chrysler lost \$247.8 million in the first nine months of the year, 158.5 million of that in the third quarter.

## U.S. modifies plan to fight inflation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) — The Carter administration Wednesday modified some of its wage and price standards, including easing limits on fringe benefits, after hearing complaints that parts of the anti-inflation plan are unfair.

The changes were the finishing touches on a major program announced seven weeks ago intended to bring inflation from the current 9 1/2 per cent a year down to 6 per cent or lower. Administration officials

said the program may last for several months but the administration took steps to close what it considered loopholes allowing many companies to exceed the standard.

The administration also asked doctors, dentists and other professionals to limit their price increases to 6.5 per cent under the new program. Many professionals did not have the needed records to comply with the regular price standards.

## Italian parties, Andreotti reach no agreement on EMS

ROME, Dec. 13 (AP) — A meeting of leaders of the five major parties with Premier Giulio Andreotti called to discuss Italy's entry to the European Monetary System (EMS) broke up Wednesday with no apparent change in opposition from the Socialists and Communists.

The summit was called by the Socialists after Andreotti told parliament Tuesday Italy had decided to enter the EMS, effective Jan. 1.

The decision drew negative reactions from both the Communists and the Socialists who along with the Republicans,

the Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats support Andreotti's Christian Democratic government in the parliament.

The Communists and the Socialists opposed the decision saying it was premature for Italy to join the EMS and on the grounds the guarantees offered to Italy's shaky economy by other EMS partners were insufficient.

At the end of the summit both the Communists and the Socialists said they had called meetings of their own parties' directorates to further study the thorny issue.

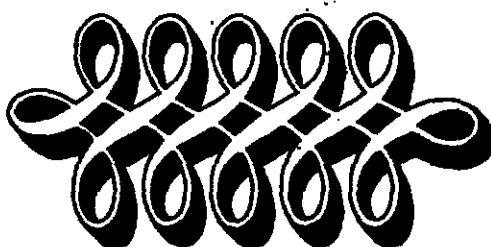
## SAMA exchange rates

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency announced Wednesday the following foreign exchange rates based on the average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

It said that 0.25 per cent is charged by the banks on sums less than \$100,000 and 0.3/16 per cent on sums in excess of \$100,000.

Currency	Price
U.S. dollar	3.36
Pound sterling	6.62
Deutschmark	1.76
Swiss franc	1.97
French franc	0.77
Japanese yen (100)	1.71
Canadian dollar	2.86
Belgian franc (10)	1.11
Dutch guilder	1.62
Italian lira (100)	0.40

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## Japanese imports set record

TOKYO, Dec. 13 (UPI) — Japan's imports in November hit an all-time monthly high as the ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) announced Wednesday.

MITI put last month's licensed imports — an indicator of import trends — at \$8.795 billion, up 27 per cent from a year ago.

It was the sharpest increase since September 1975 when the figure rose 39.3 per cent from a year earlier.

The previous record of \$7.539 billion was set in October.

November's figure included \$1.077 billion worth of nuclear material and commercial aircraft the Japanese government promised to buy for trimming its trade surplus.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	Cash
U.S. Dollar	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.70
Deutsche Mark (100)	177.75
Swiss F (100)	200.00
French F (100)	77.50
Italian Lira (1000)	4.80
Lebanese Lira (100)	111.75
Syrian Lira (100)	81.25
Egyptian Pound	4.55
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	11.40
Emirates Dirham (100)	88.00
Qatari Riyal (100)	88.00
Bahraini Dinar	8.80
Iranian Riyal (100)	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	9.85
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.50
South Yemeni Dinar	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	78.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	22.050
Gold kg	2,575
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Silver kg bar	—

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## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closed Dec
* Interior Ministry Agency for Passport and Civil Status	Catering for the cadets of the Military Institute for Passports	xx	20	Dec
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Maintenance of two lifts at the agency building	84-98/99	500	Jan
* " " "	Supply of an automatic garbage truck of 16 cubic yards capacity	85-98/9	500	Jan
* " " "	Supply of road sweeping trucks	26-96/97	150	Jan
* " " "	Fencing of a graveyard in Dawadmi	"	300	Jan
* " " "	Fencing of graveyards of Al-Waghl Al-Sawdaa in Abha	"	"	"



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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 13TH DECEMBER 1978

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9	—	FRUIT STAR	FAYEZ	COTTON	25/11/1978
10	—	CHAR CHUN	ABDULLAH	GEN. T.BER P.WOOD	12/12/1978
11	—	—	—	—	—
12	—	HOPE	RED SEA	GENERAL/RE-BAR	4/12/1978
13	—	TELEMAN	KANOO	RICE/FLOUR/CONTR.	11/12/1978
14	—	UNION YENBO	O.C.E.	STEEL/GEN. (TIMBER)	10/12/1978
15	—	STALO 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	29/11/1978
16	—	EVER MERCY	ALGOSAIBI	CONTAINERS	12/12/1978
17	—	ATLANTIC FOREST	KANOO	RICE/FLOUR	30/11/1978
18	—	—	—	—	—
19	—	IONIAN CARRIER	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	11/12/1978
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21	—	TOULLA	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	28/11/1978
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Vessels Working at Anchorage  
NIL

### 2-Recent Arrivals

GLORIOUS TRADER	ALWANI	PLYWOOD TIMBER	12/12/1978
CHAR CHUN	ABDULLAH	M.T.A.	12/12/1978
NAXOS	OCEAN TRADE	CONTAINERS	12/12/1978
PANAGHIA	—	CEMENT/STEEL/GEN.	12/12/1978
CHARITY	GULF	SUGAR	13/12/1978
CHAR HO	ABDULLAH	GEN. STEEL/P.WOOD/CTRS.	13/12/1978
BAYARD	FAYEZ	RO RO	13/12/1978

### 3-Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

SANSTEFANO	STAR	FRUITS	13/12/1978
HAI MAHMOUD	EL HAWI	TIMBER	13/12/1978
BLACKFORD	KANOO	CONTAINERS	13/12/1978
CHARLES	—	—	—
SCHIAFFINO	RED SEA	RO RO	13/12/1978
ARAB FALCON	KANOO	RO RO	13/12/1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 42,602

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TIME: 0700 HRS.

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2	MOSCENICE	KANOO	CONTAINERS	13/12/1978
7	ATHENS SKY	GULF	GENERAL/STEEL	7/12/1978
9	SCI. VINCENT	KANOO	GEN. CONTRS	11/12/1978
11	BRUN HORN	KANOO	BENTONITE	5/12/1978
13	ALSABAHIAH	KANOO	GEN. CONTRS	13/12/1978
14	SEASPEED ARABIA	IACC	RO RO / CONTRS.	13/12/1978
16	IBN HAZM	KANOO	GEN. CONTRS/	11/12/1978
19	YONG JIN	ALGOSAIBI	C. CEMENT	5/12/1978
20	NEA TYHI	ALGOSAIBI	FERTILIZER	9/12/1978
21	ASIA ROSE (D.B.)	ALJREZA	BULK CEMENT	7/12/1978
22	STAR ESFAHAN	SATTE	CONTAINERS	13/12/1978

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ALSABAHIAH	KANOO	GEN/CONT	13/12/1978
SEASPEED ARABIA	IACC	RO-RO CONTRS	13/12/1978
MOSCENICE	KANOO	CONTAINERS	13/12/1978

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Back to NBA form

# Rockets overtake Atlanta, Nuggets win 5th straight

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Things are returning to normal around the National Basketball Association — the Houston Rockets are back on top of the Central Division and the Denver Nuggets are climbing in the Midwest.

After stumbling through most of the season, the Rockets finally moved ahead of Atlanta with a 112-105 victory over the Boston Celtics, Tuesday night. Moses Malone was the big man for the Rockets with 18 points and 20 rebounds.

Denver, meanwhile, got 38 points and 20 rebounds from George McGinnis in beating the San Antonio Spurs, 107-103 for the fifth consecutive

victory. The Nuggets now trail first-place Kansas City by just two games in the Midwest.

In other games, the San Diego Clippers edged the New York Knicks, 105-103, the Milwaukee Bucks stopped the Phoenix Suns, 120-114, the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the Detroit Pistons, 127-110, the Chicago Bulls trimmed the Golden State Warriors, 99-94, the New Orleans Jazz beat the Indiana Pacers, 109-103, and the Portland Trail Blazers edged the Los Angeles Lakers, 117-115.

Despite the rise to first place, the Rockets feel they are still not playing the way they should. Their record,

after all, is only 13-12.

"We still don't have the killer instinct," said guard Calvin Murphy. "We could have won the game by at least 25 points but we didn't."

San Antonio led by seven with 2:12 left in the third period but couldn't hold on as McGinnis hit seven free throws in the final 34 minutes, including two with 23 seconds to play to snap a 103-103 tie.

Lloyd Free sank two free throws with four seconds left to beat the Knicks, the second game in a row that he has won with late foul shots. Sunday night in Milwaukee he sank two with time seconds left to give the Clippers a 107-106 decision over the Bucks.

Marques Johnson scored a career-high 40 points to help Milwaukee snap a four-game losing streak. Phoenix got 36 points and 12 assists from Paul Westphal and 31 points from Walker Davis.

Point guard Mike Mitchell, who has spent most of his time on the bench, scored a high 28 points to help Cleveland top Detroit. He later said it felt good to be contributing. "If I had felt any better out there, I'd have flown out of the gym," he said.

Artsis Gatsore scored 26 points, including four free throws in the final 48 seconds, as Chicago posted its sixth consecutive victory despite 30 points by Golden State's Roberto Parish.

New Orleans snapped a four-game losing streak by beating Indiana, taking command with 10 straight points early in the fourth quarter. Pete Maravich had 32 points for the Jazz and Truck Robinson 31.

Tom Owens scored 27 points, including two key baskets in the final minutes, as the Blazers snapped a four-game losing streak.

## NHL goal king puts in 3 more

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13 (AP) — Hockey League scorer Guy Lafleur scored three goals for the tenth time in his career to support goalie Ken Dryden in his 39th shut-out as the Montreal Canadiens defeated the St. Louis Blues 6-0, Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, Boston's winger John Williams hit his first three-goal game of his career Tuesday night to send the Boston Bruins to a 7-3 victory over the Vancouver Canucks and a 12-point lead in the Adams Division.



TOP SCORER: Moses Malone scored 28 points and picked up 20 rebounds to thrust the Rockets past the Celtics, 112-105, Tuesday night.

## Brazilian stars enjoy mixed fortunes abroad

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 13 (R) — The International Football Federation (FIFA) decision to step in to settle the wrangle between the Saudi club, Al-Hilal, and Fluminense over payment for the transfer of Brazilian midfielder star Roberto Rivelino, has shown that it is not all plain sailing for Brazilian stars seeking contracts abroad.

When Fluminense threatened to sue Hilal over non-payment, the Saudi club replied that the entire matter was a surprise to it and invited the Rio club to send a representative to Riyadh to discuss the matter. Fluminense refused and took its case to FIFA.

FIFA reacted by banning Rivelino from playing for Hilal until the initial \$200,000 had been paid, further stipulating that payment be made to FIFA, who would remit it to the Brazilian Sports Confederation and then lift the suspension.

Brazil lost another good, if controversial player, when Cosmos of New York bought Francisco de Chagas Marinho, the blond Fluminense left back who made such an impact during the 1970 Mexico World Cup.

"King" Pele, acting as Cosmos representative, paid over \$300,000 for the transfer and flew back to New York with Marinho.

According to Pele, Marinho will receive \$200,000 from Cosmos for two seasons, plus proceeds from any advertising contracts he may pick up.

Paulo Cesar Lima, the Botafogo forward, had less luck. After rows with Botafogo directors and teammates, Paulo Cesar was given permission to go to Europe.

English Second Division club Fulham tried to sign him but apparently the temperamental black player, who blames his unpopularity in Brazil on racial prejudice, asked too much.

"If we had offered him Buckingham Palace he would probably have wanted parliament thrown in, and if we had agreed to that he would still have demanded the Tower of London," said a Fulham director.

Paulo Cesar spent a week-end in Paris and then returned to Rio. Though considered one of the best left wingers in the world, Cesar seems to have talked himself out of any future in soccer, either in Brazil or abroad.

But Claudio Coutinho, Brazil's World Cup manager who coached Flamengo to the Carrioca championship for the second time running this year, will renew his contract with the club despite tempting offers from abroad.

## Manager quits sliding Chelsea

LONDON, Dec. 13 (R) — Ken Shillito, manager of Chelsea, the bottom club in the English League's First Division, resigned Wednesday.

The club's board of directors announced that Frank Upton, Shillito's assistant, will take over temporarily.

Chelsea have won only two of their 18 League matches this season and in the past few days there has been growing speculation that Shillito would either resign or be sacked.

Results Tuesday night, League Cup quarterfinal: Southampton 2, Man. City 1. Division Two: Preston N.E. 6, Charlton 1. Anglo-Scottish Cup Final second leg: Burnley 0, Oldham 1. (Burnley wins 4-2).

## To prevent cost overruns Preliminaries agreed for L. A. Games

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Dec. 13 (AP) — A final agreement between the U.S. Olympic Committee and Los Angeles business on the 1984 summer Olympic Games is being worked out after a preliminary agreement was settled over the weekend. USOC officials said Tuesday.

The final agreement must be completed by Jan. 1, a deadline set by the international Olympic Committee.

The preliminary agreement lays down, among other things, a 12-member organizing committee of 12 with 10 appointed by the USOC and the two IOC American members. Other terms include:

- Capital expenditures will be limited to \$91 million. Any expenditures above that limit will require a 75 per cent approval from an executive committee, except for capital expenditures funded by outside sources such as the U.S. government.
- The executive committee will run day-to-day operations, with 20 members, five from the USOC and the IOC members not voting.
- To be included in the final contract between USOC and the Los Angeles private sector will be identification of up to \$50 million for expenditure exceeding income.

USOC and Los Angeles members of the organizing committee will have equal say in the selection of a general manager and public accounting firm, as well as the selection of a general insurance agent.

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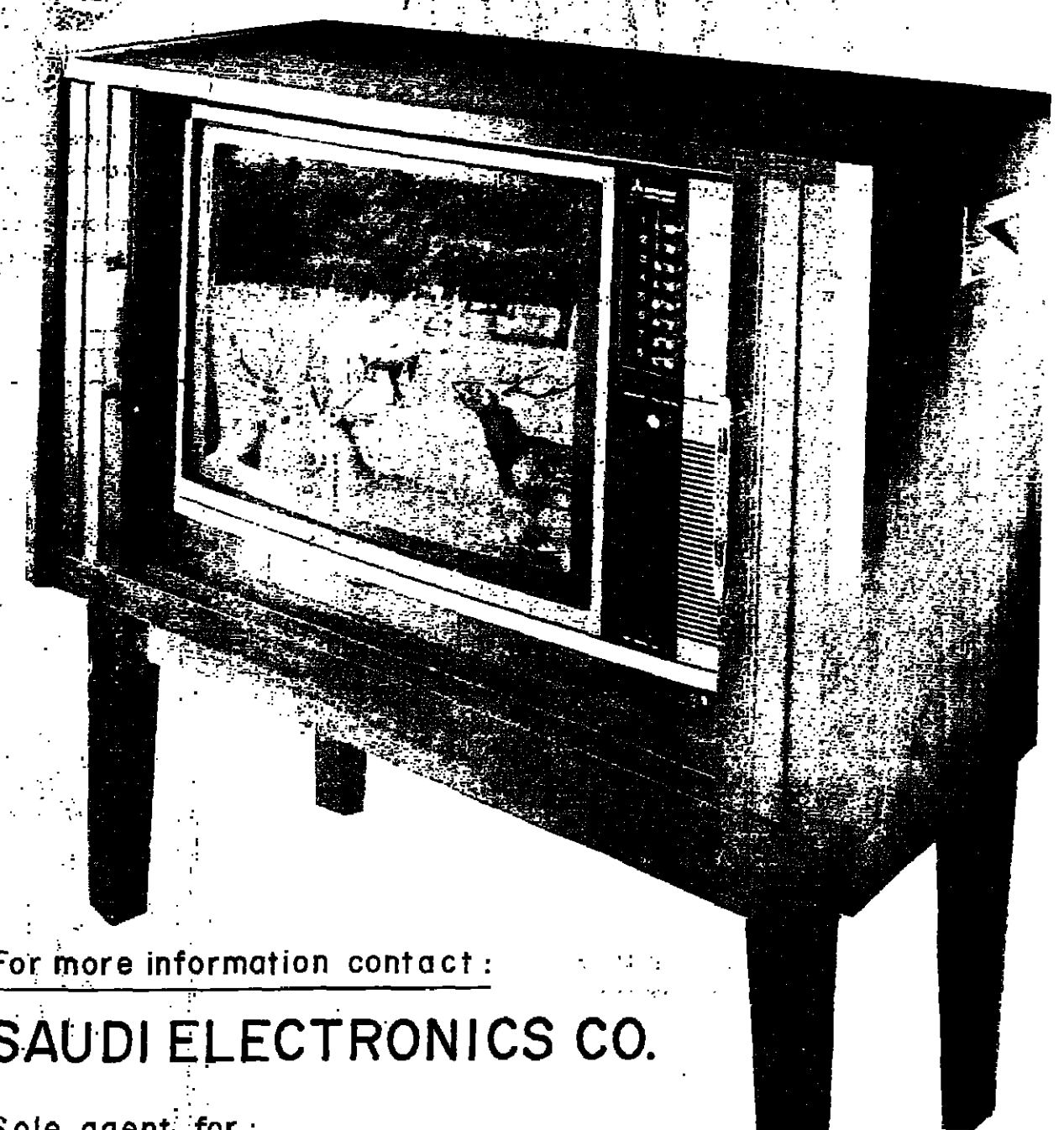
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# Japan, with 23 golds, draws four clear of China

## 14 Asian Games records shattered in four sports

BANGKOK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Japan swam off with five more gold medals in Asian Games record time Wednesday, taking away the overall gold medal lead from China on the games' fifth day, but a Chinese diver beat the world record.

Games records were set in both men's and women's high diving — both by Chinese — all six of the day's swimming races, four shooting events and two weightlifting classes. So far, records have been chalked up in all 12 swimming races and 13 of 14 shooting events.

Besides its five in swimming, Japan won one gold in two-man team bowling, one in men's epee individual fencing and one in weightlifting, boosting its total count to 23 gold medals, 18 silver and 16 bronzes.

China, with its two diving golds, one in shooting and one in women's team table tennis, had 19 golds, 16 silvers and 17 bronzes, falling behind for the first time in the medal race here.

North Korea won two shooting golds, boosting its total gold count to nine, and host Thailand had four after winning the two-woman team

bowling.

South Korea picked up its first two golds of the games in shooting and cycling, and Indonesia, Lebanon and Singapore won their first golds too.

### Kuwait beaten

In soccer South Korea Wednesday outclassed Kuwait, 2-0, to join Thailand, North Korea and Malaysia as certain qualifiers for the second round.

Thailand qualified without even playing, going through in their three-team group when North Korea bundled two-times champions Burma, who had already lost to the Thais, out of the competition.

The South Koreans were always on top in their clash with Kuwait — who should beat Bahrain in their last match to join their conquerors in the second round — and the only surprise in the game was how long it took the Koreans to score.

The South Koreans, 5-1 winners over Bahrain in their first game, are now leading scorers in the first round so far and look a fair bet for a medal.

In the other game, Japan downed Bahrain, 4-0, for its first victory.



PINNED: A. Miyahara of Japan pins M. Sattar of Iraq in the 68 kilogram class wrestling Wednesday night in the Asian Games.

## Chinese girl beats world dive mark

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 13 (AP) — A 16-year-old Canton schoolgirl who practices daily at a nearby pool after school, dazzled the judges with her perfection, gaining 477.42 points. Teammate Yu Tsien-ii scored 429.45.

Both are better than the world record of 412.71 set by Irina Kalnina of the Soviet Union in Berlin this year, but will not go into the official record book because they were not set at a world champion-

ship meet. China, not a member of the international swimming federation, was not eligible to compete at the Berlin championship.

Together with Japan's Rikiko Yamanaka, who had 410.31, and Japan's Niuuko Deie, who scored 379.65 for her diving, the Chinese also broke the Asian Games record of 372.72 set by China's Chung Chao-

chen in Tehran in 1974.

## Mideast wins first medals

BANGKOK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Middle Eastern competitors in the eighth Asian Games took their first medals Wednesday, which included a record-breaking performance by a Lebanese weightlifter.

Mohammad Trabulis hefted 310 kilograms in the 75-kilogram class, beating the Asian Games record of 300 set by North Korean An Wan Geun in the 1974 Tehran Games. The Lebanese had 140 for the snatch and 170 for the jerk.

The other medal fell to Iraq's Abdulkader Talal Hassoun, whose 302.5 total in the 82.5 kilogram weightlifting category earned him a bronze.

Eight Middle Eastern countries are participating in the Games. Lebanon, with five athletes and officials, forms the smallest contingent among the 25 nations at the Games.

Saudi Arabia recorded its best results since the opening day Saturday, beating Bahrain, 5-0, in table tennis and 15-12, 15-6, and 15-13 in volleyball.

The Saudi basketballers were however defeated by Pakistan in the last preliminary round, 80-57.

Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, China and the two Koreas will advance to the final round starting Thursday.



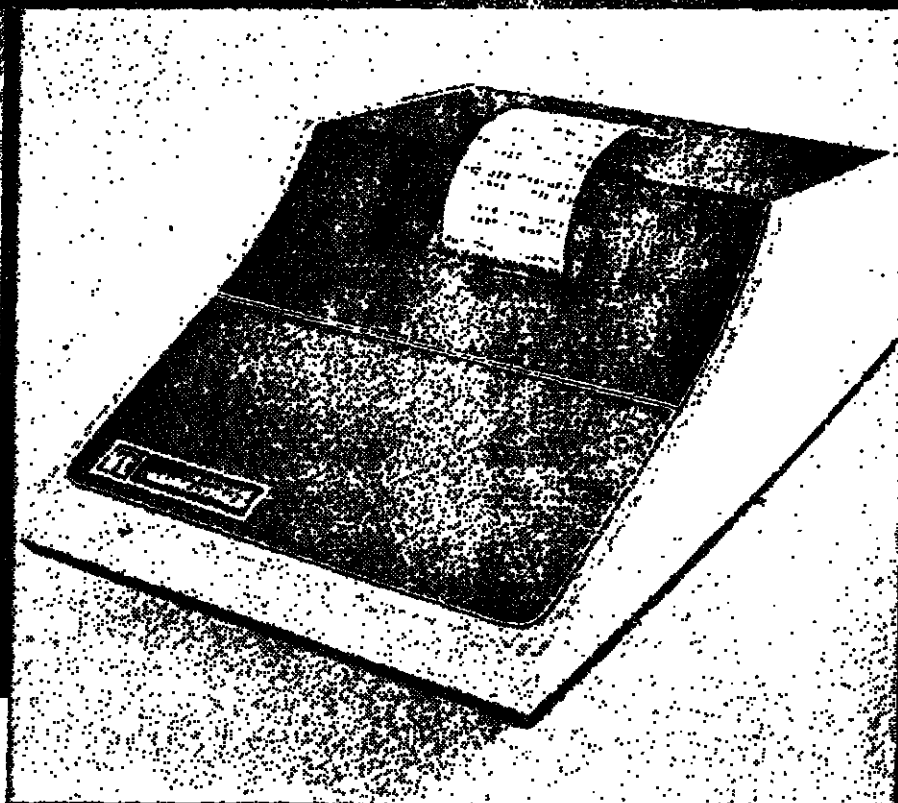
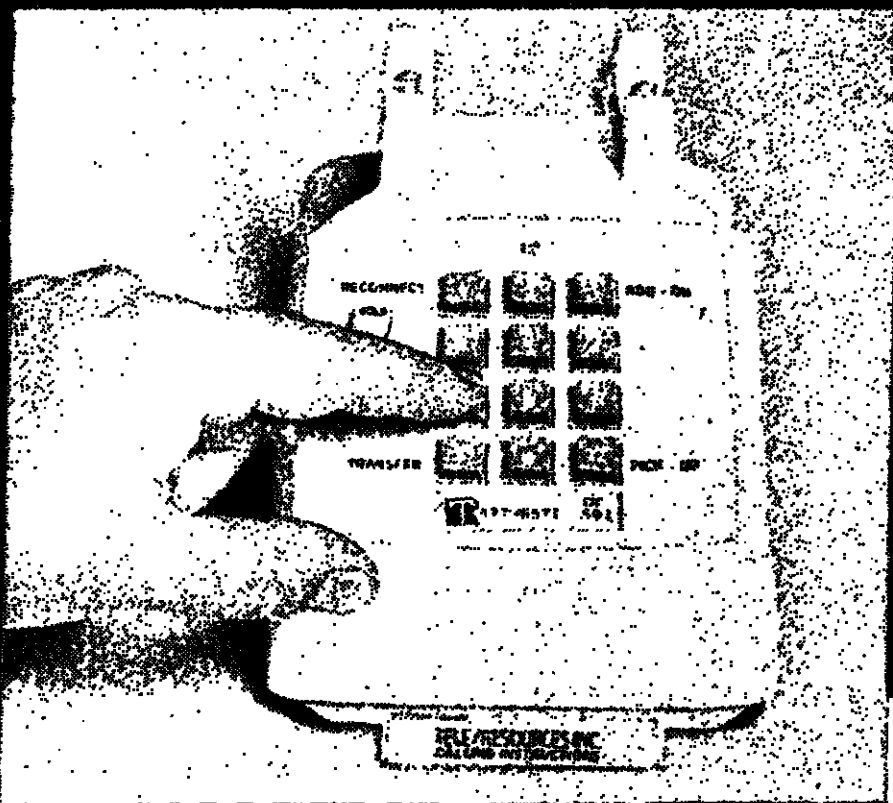
SPORTSMAN: Daley Thompson throwing the javelin at a recent London sports meet. Steve Ovett (inset) is said to have refused the Sportsman of the Year Award which Thompson received Tuesday night.

## Ovett said to turn down Sportsman of Year honor

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UPI) — Steve Ovett, the world and European 500 meters champion turned down the Sportsman of the Year Award from the British Sports Writers Association because he did not like the way he had been treated by track and field writers, his mother said Wednesday.

Ovett's long feud with British journalists erupted again last month when track and field writers voted Daley Thompson, the London-born West Indian who won the decathlon gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Montreal and the silver at the European championships, their Sportsman of the Year.

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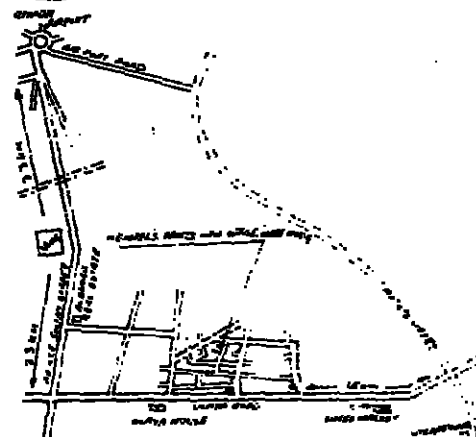
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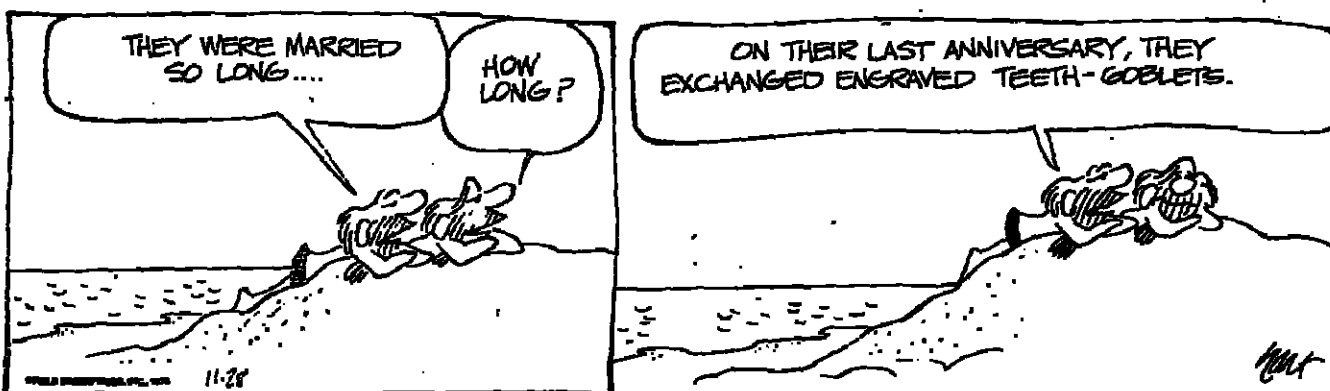
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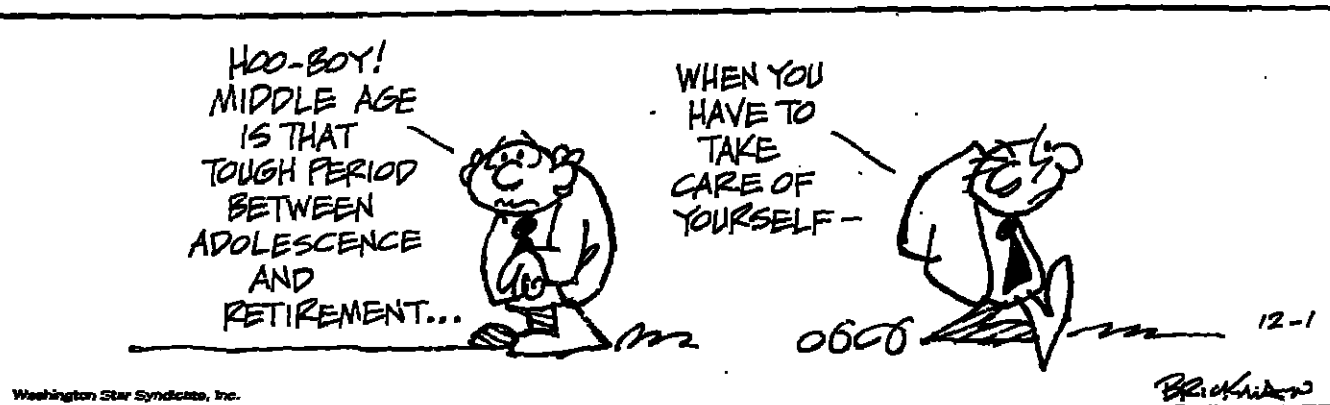
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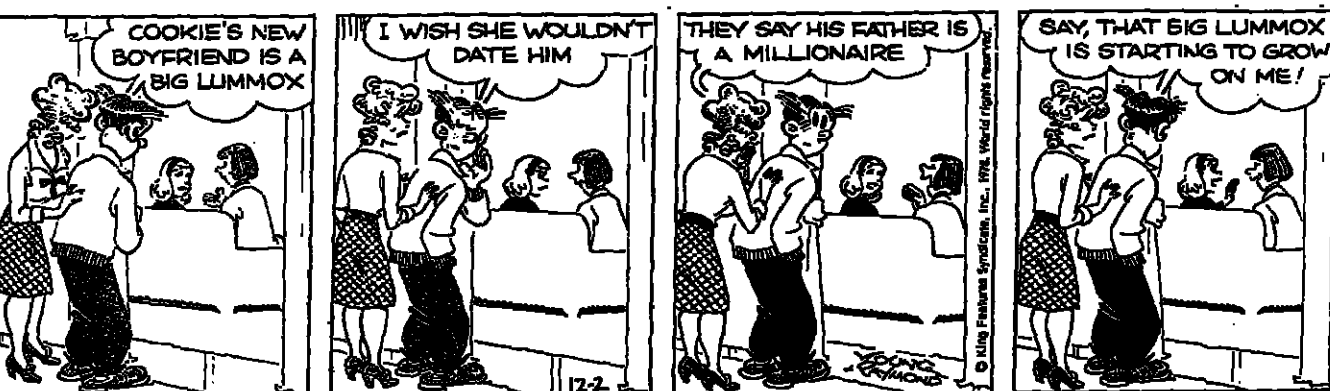
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18 Harness ring

19 Floor

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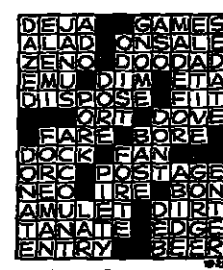
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Yesterday's Answer

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22 Soccer

23 Whirl

24 Comedian

25 Rowan

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYZLEAAXE is LONGFELLOW

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SOUTH

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AKQ4

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Declarer was with the ace and played a trump to dummy's queen, East showing out. A low club to the ace was followed by another trump.

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## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

## PRAYER TIMES

THURSDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:29	6:55	12:20	3:26	5:43	7:13
Medina	5:35	7:01	12:23	3:22	5:38	7:08
Nejd	5:01	6:31	11:49	2:49	5:05	6:35

## DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	CB Bears: Hard Headed Hat, Heavy No. 50
4:30 Jokers Wild	Acrobatic Water Ski
5:30 Wide World of Sports	The Big Brother
6:02 Waltons	One Of Our Sweatshops Is Missing
6:51 Wel. Bk Kotter	Take Notice
7:25 Safety Film	Death Game
7:26 Police Woman	Cliffons: Big Move
8:16 That's My Mama	Baxter
8:41 Second Run	

## WEATHER

Cold weather in the evening in the northern areas and parts of the central region frost and fog in parts of the northern region from night to dawn.

Temperature will rise gradually Thursday in the northwestern region with slow to moderate speed northwesterly winds.

Northerly winds in the eastern, central and western parts of the Kingdom, raising some dust. Horizontal visibility reduced.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate to choppy.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	—	—	Jizan	31	24
Jeddah	27	17	Hail	15	04
Riyadh	23	13	Tabuk	16	05
Dhahran	25	19	Rafha	18	06
Medina	19	09	Yanbu	25	13
Taif	19	05	Abha	19	08

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Afternoon Transmission  
2:00 Opening  
2:01 The Holy Quran  
2:05 Gems of Guidance  
2:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle

2:15 Music  
2:30 On Islam

2:45 Under the Limelight

2:55 Music

3:00 NEWS

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Music

3:20 Music-Machines

3:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission  
10:00 Opening  
10:01 The Holy Quran  
10:05 Message to the Faithful  
10:10 Light Music

10:15 NEWS

10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle

10:30 Selection of Music

11:00 World of Machines

11:10 Press Review

11:15 The Stevie Wonder Story

11:45 Eminent Saudi Arabians

12:00 Islamic Contributions

12:15 In the Quiet

12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams

12:59 Close Down

## VOA

P.M.

8:00 News Roundup

Reports: Actualities

Opinion; Analyses

8:30 Dateline

News Summary

9:00 Special English

News; Feature: The Making of a Nation

News Summary

9:30 Music USA

(Standards)

10:00 News Roundup

Reports: Actualities

Opinion; Analyses

News Summary

10:30 VOA Magazine

America; Science;

Cultural; Letter

11:00 Special English

News

11:30 Music USA

(Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT

Midnight

12:00 News...newsmakers'

voices...correspondents

reports...background

features...media comments...news analyses

## BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newsreel
News Summary	6:15 *Outlook
8:30 *Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsdesk	7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
9:30 *Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 *Books and Writers
News Summary	8:30 *Take One
10:30 *Sarah Ward	8:45 Sports Round-up
10:45 *Something to Show You	9:00 World News
11:00 World News	9:09 News about Britain
11:09 Reflections	9:15 Radio Newsreel
11:15 Piano Style	9:30 Farming World
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	10:00 Outlook News Summary
12:00 World News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:09 British Press Review	10:43 Look Ahead
12:15 World Today	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:30 Financial News	11:00 World News
12:40 Look Ahead	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12:45 The Tony Mott Request Show	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Evening Transmission	Midnight Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus	12:15 Talkabout
1:30 Discovery	12:45 Nature Notebook
2:00 World News	1:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain	1:09 World Today
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	1:25 Financial News
2:30 Sports International	1:35 Book Choice
3:00 Radio Newsreel	1:40 Reflections
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:00 World News
4:00 World News	2:09 Commentary
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	2:15 The Face of England

## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

SIGN

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Others seem unresponsive to your ideas now, but you'll find hidden strength in someone close one. Stellar influences suggest compromise.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Don't let financial problems come between you and a loved one. Still, there are bills that must be paid now. Watch the budget.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Neither you nor possibly your mate wants to play follow the leader now. Avoid a clash of egos in the a.m., and forego dietary transgressions in the p.m.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Problems linked with your private life or employment may come to a head today. Avoid a dispute with a loved one in the wee small hours.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

There is much social activity right now, but tact is needed in dealing with both friends and loved ones. Someone is putting on airs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Family arguments or domestic problems may take the spotlight away from career concerns. In any case, don't mix business with lunch today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

If travel is on the agenda, be careful, as mishaps and mixups could occur. Maintain strictly professional relations with advisers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Avoid confrontations over money and shared resources. Protect credit rating. Ambiance need not lead to overboard spending.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You'll have to make concessions now to get along with others, but in keeping the peace, don't neglect other responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

The day's chores pile up like dirty dishes in the sink, and you may not accomplish as much as you had planned in the a.m.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Ties of friendship and love are activated now, but it's best not to mix business with pleasure in the p.m. Safeguard reputation.

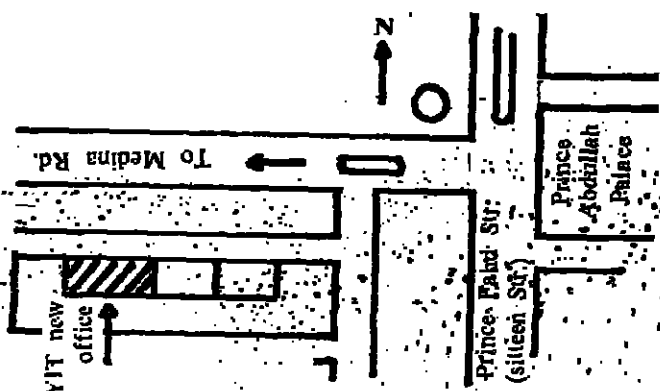
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

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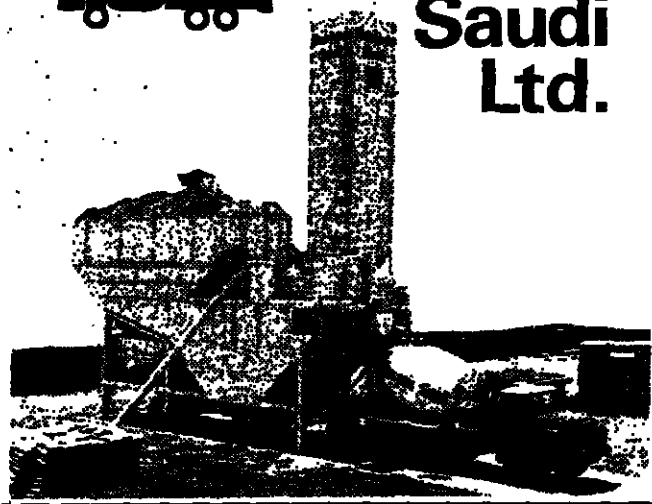
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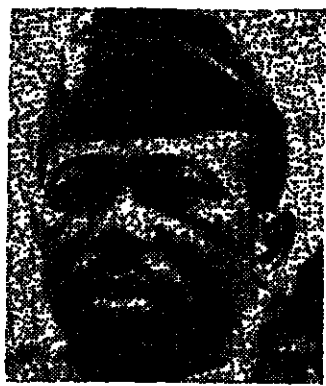
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## Mengistu returns to Addis

# Warsaw endorses Ethiopian claims

WARSAW, Dec. 13 (R) — Ethiopia and Poland Wednesday called on states in the Horn of Africa to give up their claims to other countries' territory, as a precondition for peace in the region.



Mengistu Haile Mariam

The call was aimed at Somalia which recently lost a war with Ethiopia for control of the Ogaden Desert. It came in a joint communique issued after a three-day visit to Poland by Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam.

After the signing of several documents, Col. Mengistu left for Addis Ababa. Ethiopian Radio said he was greeted by enthusiastic crowds on his return. He has already visited Yugoslavia and all the Soviet bloc states except Bulgaria in

a tour which began nearly four weeks ago.

The communique said the "chief condition for ensuring peace in the region of the Horn of Africa is the strict observance of the principle of sovereignty, territorial integrity, inviolability of frontiers, abandonment of territorial claims, and non-interference in the internal affairs of other states."

In an apparent reference to the Ethiopian government's war against the Eritreans, Poland expressed support for its efforts to maintain territorial unity.

Col. Mengistu said the situation in Ethiopia had been stabilized and the achievements of the revolution strengthened.

The communique said the nationalist guerrilla organizations had to be included in any settlements in Namibia and Rhodesia. It condemned what it said were attempts by South Africa to produce nuclear weapons.

The two countries also denounced "the adventurist policy of the Chinese leadership, contrary to the interests of the forces of progress peace and socialism in the world. Both countries condemn Chinese attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of states."

It was not clear how far Mengistu had been successful in Poland in obtaining economic aid — believed to have been a major aim of the East European tour.

Speaking at Wednesday's signing ceremony, Polish head of state Henryk Jablonski said the talks had been marked by "brotherly frankness," which in communist terms often means disagreement.

But the communique said there had been agreement in all problems discussed.

Apartment from the communique and a declaration of friendship and cooperation. Poland and Ethiopia also signed a draft treaty on their economic talks and a cultural agreement. No details of the two latter documents were immediately released.



SALISBURY: Sen. George McGovern talks to Hafina, a 14-year-old member of the Misana Tribal auxiliary force, made up of ex-guerrillas now fighting for Salisbury. McGovern later left for Angola where he met President Agostinho Neto.

## Angola says it wants U.S. ties as jailed Americans see senator

LUANDA, Angola, Dec. 13 (UPI) — U.S. Sen. George McGovern, (D-S. Dac.) talked for an hour with three jailed Americans — two of them mercenaries — then met with Angolan President Agostinho Neto who said his nation wants to establish relations with the United States.

The Neto-McGovern meeting, which lasted almost two hours, was held at Neto's residence outside Luanda.

At a joint news conference, Neto said "Angola is ready and wants to establish relations

with America." McGovern noted that the continued presence of the estimated 25,000 Cuban troops in Angola was a major obstacle to reestablishing links.

The Angola leader said he needed the Cubans as protection against South African forces on his southern border. When the South Africans no longer posed a threat, the Cubans could leave, he told McGovern.

Later the senator said he met for about an hour with the three Americans in Luanda's Sao Paulo Prison.

All three men — Gary Ackler, 24, of Sacramento Calif., Gustavo Grille, 32, whose parents live at Tom's River, N.J., and George Gause, 50 — appeared in good physical condition.

## Some SALT issues unsettled, says U.S. disarmament chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (R) — A new strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT) will only be signed if the Soviet Union is willing to resolve several outstanding issues, the new director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency said Wednesday.

Retired Army Gen. George Seignious said he hopes the differences can be worked out and that a treaty can be signed

by mid-January. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko next week in Geneva to continue negotiations on SALT.

President Carter said Tuesday he would have a summit meeting with Soviet President Brezhnev when the treaty is ready to be signed.

If a SALT treaty is approved, it will have to be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote

in the U.S. Senate, where strong opposition is expected from conservatives.

Seignious is regarded as more conservative than former Arms Control Director Paul Warnke, and is expected to help win conservative votes on the treaty in the Senate.

He would not comment on details of the SALT treaty or the remaining issues. But he was convinced the treaty would benefit the United States.

The remaining issues are believed to include the range of the U.S. cruise missile, whether the Soviet Tupolev V-G bomber, code-named "Backfire" by NATO, should be classified an intercontinental weapon and therefore included in the agreement, and ways of detecting possible treaty violations by either country.

"I am confident that the Soviet Union cannot cheat on the provisions of the treaty without being detected," Seignious said.

But he said detection was likely to become a problem as weapons became more sophisticated.

Seignious added he would recommend an increase in the U.S. defense budget if he thought it necessary.

## Taking advice seriously, man walks across Russia

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (AP) — When Georgy Bushuev suffered a heart attack he was told that walking would help improve his health. So he walked, 10,000 kilometers across the Soviet Union from Riga to Vladivostok.

The trip took seven months and 25 days and doctors said he looked younger when he finished than when he started. "I didn't want to wait for the next attack and so I started out," Bushuev told the newspaper "Komsomolskaya Pravda." "I was walking not to set a record or for the sake of publicity. The only

thing I wanted was to improve my health."

The report did not give Bushuev's age, but said he was retired. In the Soviet Union, people become eligible for pensions at age 60.

"Komsomolskaya Pravda" said Bushuev vowed to make the trip on foot as a child when he learned that his grandfather was forced to walk as a convict in chains from Kaluga in the European part of the Soviet Union to Chita in east Siberia. The grandfather was sentenced for insulting a policeman, the paper said.

## King sees Pakistan finance head

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — King Khalid Wednesday afternoon received at Al-Masjar Palace Ghulam Ishaq Khan, the Pakistani finance minister. The meeting was attended by the King's adviser, Dr. Rashad Pharoan and Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

## Saudi Air Force honors 15th class

DHAHRAN, Dec. 13 (SPA) — A special ceremony was held at the Royal Saudi Air Force base here Wednesday to honor the 15th class of graduates from the Technical Studies Institute. The 30 cadets include 12 from Sudan. The ceremony was attended by Lt. Maj. Ali Yusuf Al-Bouri, commander of the Eastern Province, high-ranking air force officers and province notables.

## Electricity chief flies to India

DHAHRAN, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Governor of the General Electricity Organization Mahmoud Tayba flew to New Delhi Wednesday for a short visit. Tayba is also chairman of the Saudi Arabian Fertilizers Company (SAFCO). He will discuss with Indian officials the involvement of Indian companies in the Kingdom's rural electrification and agreements for the marketing of SAFCO products in India.

## Gulf ministers to meet in Muscat

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Gulf health ministers will hold their sixth conference in Muscat from Jan. 2 to Jan. 7, Dr. Jamal Ashi, secretary general of the Gulf Health Secretariat said Wednesday. The meetings will be attended by Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, The United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Bahrain and Qatar.

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Oil

economic goods, like manufacturing technology, were just as important as the cost of Petroleum, he said.

Attiga stressed that OPEC was principally an inter-Arab development organization which was not concerned with the question of prices.

He said the world was putting much pressure on oil exporters and diverting their attention from more important matters.

Oil ministers here have been debating the size of an expected oil price hike. But Attiga cautioned that "Arab countries don't agree beforehand on the price of petroleum, and then force their decision on the rest of OPEC."

The Arabs' target is to refine five to seven million barrels a day of the crude oil they produce, compared to two million barrels at present, Attiga said. Their daily output is 20.8 million barrels.

Arab leaders, including OPEC chairman Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, have said that any country which restricts entry of products refined by the Arabs could face cutbacks in shipments of crude oil from its producers.

"There's no reason why this has to be forced," Attiga said, noting that exports of refined products will eventually decrease as industrializing Arab economies absorb as much as half of their crude output.

## Hussein

Hussein suggested that on such an occasion, it was possible that "a new start" could be made in the peace process.

"Complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories occupied since 1967, including Arab Jerusalem and recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, including self-determination, such remains our concept of a lasting peace," he said.

## Vance

In a related development Yasir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said Wednesday the Camp David agreement, if carried out, "would mean nothing but a new enslavement" of the Palestinian people.

In an interview with the conservative Paris daily "Figaro," Arafat said, "The project of administrative autonomy which Begin, Sadat and Carter propose to us tends to furnish a legal aspect to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, no more and no less."

"For the Palestinians, that means a new enslavement of the Palestinian people. In the space of two months, Israel also has made its intentions clear by refusing to abolish the military government, in reserving properties of eminent domain and in taking over control of water resources."

On Palestinian settlement in other Arab countries, Arafat

said, "The fact is that even if we obtained a state, it would be too small to absorb to three million Palestinian exiles in the world."

"In Lebanon, numerous Palestinians have taken up residence and some of them will remain in that country. It is a fact that must be faced."

## Mobuto

Sheikh Abu Daoud told reporters that President Mobuto had invited a chamber delegation to visit Zaire next spring.

President Mobuto, who started an official visit Monday arrived here from Riyadh following meetings with King Khalid and other Saudi leaders. He is due to leave for home on Friday.

The main purpose of his visit was to persuade Saudi government and the public sector to invest in Zaire's mineral resources and agricultural production.

## Lufthansa workers to get lie tests

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Investigators armed with composite drawings of two suspects reportedly will give 150 Lufthansa employees lie detector tests in hopes of tracking down the Kennedy Airport bandits.

Five men breached security at a cargo storage center Monday in what authorities said appeared to be an inside job. They handcuffed 10 employees and made off with up to \$5 million in unmarked currency and jewels.

The New York "Daily News" reported Wednesday

## In \$5m JFK heist

that authorities plan polygraph tests for the airline workers. They also suspect the crime — possibly the largest cash robbery in United States history — was linked to organized crime.

"Somebody high up in organized crime will get a cut

of this job or we'll begin finding bodies," an unidentified investigator told the newspaper.

The composite drawings released late Tuesday depicted two men in their 20s or 30s. Both had dark hair, and one wore a mustache.

## Commandos bomb Hebron settlement

BEIRUT, Dec. 13 (R) — The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said Wednesday that bombs planted by its commandos operating inside the occupied terri-

tory had killed or wounded at least five Israelis. The bombs, at the Kyriat Arba settlement near Hebron had also destroyed a number of flats, the commandos said.

## No more shots World free of smallpox

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (UPI) — Smallpox vaccination certificates have become unnecessary for travellers anywhere in the world, a World Health Organization (WHO) committee said Wednesday.

The WHO will be "sending recommendation to all its 151 member states advising them that a vaccination certificate is not now required," an official said.

A 16-nation panel of scientists, the Global Commission for the Certification of Smallpox, declared that the world is at present free of the disease. More than 130 countries no longer require vaccination certificates.

The commission also deci-

der that vaccination of w populations was unnecessary except in the Horn of Africa and a few countries still awaiting certification, including China, Iraq, Madagascar and South Africa.

"The greatest risk of smallpox infection today comes from active research in various virus in laboratories that do not meet the recommended safety standards," the commission said. "A group of scientists will be convened to study the necessity and nature of these experiments but in the meantime we commend the virus be retained only by WHO collaborating centers under maximum security."

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